



IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR. Santa Claus was on hand to spread holiday cheer at the Wilmington Town Hall last week. Young Christopher Fournier, 13 months old, was introduced to the Jolly Old Elf by his father, Michael. (Denise Blair photo)

Town Counsel believed to be seeking a raise

Selectman Lepore denies leaking details

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - Is Town Counsel Paul DeRensis seeking a higher salary from the town?

According to sources, who wish to remain anonymous, the Board of Selectmen has discussed during recent executive sessions the desire of the Town Counsel to receive more money for the legal services his firm provides to the town. Such sources directly attribute their claims to Selectman Raymond Lepore.

Lepore vehemently denies that he spoke with anybody about anything that transpired during executive sessions.

"I don't talk about town business on the outside," Lepore says.

Lepore says that he does not know why such claims would be made about him, unless they were politically motivated moves against him.

"I haven't seen anything regarding whether the Town Counsel is looking for more money or not," Lepore said when asked to comment on the content of what has been alleged. "Hey, everybody likes to throw a rumor on the street."

Such rumors persist, though, that the topic of whether Town Counsel should be granted a raise will be discussed in a public forum during the selectmen meeting that will be held on Monday, December 22.

Selectmen Chairman Michael McCoy, who sets the agenda for the board's meetings, declined to comment on the validity of rumors gleaned from "unnamed sources."

The Board of Selectmen has held executive sessions on the same evenings of its meetings on November 24 and December 8. The purpose of such sessions, as articulated in the

meetings' agenda, was to discuss "Potential Litigation and Contract Negotiations with Non-Union Personnel."

The selectmen meeting on November 24 adjourned under unusual circumstances. At that meeting, Chairman McCoy requested a motion to adjourn to executive session and not to return. Selectman Robert Palmer, however, asked the Chairman to split the vote for adjournment in two, one vote for the potential litigation and a second separate vote for contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

"I think on the non-union personnel, we should have counsel there," Palmer stated.

Palmer clarified that the board should have special counsel present during the contract negotiations with non-union personnel. Selectman Frank West asked Palmer why he requested a special counsel for the matter, but Palmer appeared leery of providing too much detail outside of executive session.

Palmer's motion failed by a vote of 4 to 1.

As that meeting broke up, Palmer stated to the press that he could not comment further about his request outside of executive session.

"But there was absolutely a reason for that request, believe me," Palmer added.

Palmer has since declined to comment further on the matter.

On November 25, Town Manager Michael Caira refused to comment on specific content from the previous night's executive session. He stated that the only information that could be released would be of the general topic of discussion, provided such information would not

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Olin property

NE Transrail re-files for loading facility

By STEPHEN BJORK

WILMINGTON - New England Transrail (NET) has re-filed with the Surface Transportation Board its proposal to build and operate a railroad off-loading facility on

the Olin Chemical Corporation property at 51 Eames Street.

Town Manager Michael Caira informed the Board of Selectmen about the recent development during its meeting on Monday, December 8. NET

had recently withdrawn its petition for a comprehensive permit.

According to Caira, residents and town officials have been monitoring the website of the Surface Transportation Board

for any indication of re-filing by NET. On Thursday, December 3, resident Michael Newhouse contacted Caira and alerted him that NET had indeed re-filed.

"It is also apparent by the filing fee of \$55,600 that New England Transrail is fully committed to their proposal," Caira told the board.

NET appears to have changed legal counsel. According to Caira, many of the NET-related

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Town Nurse offers ways to keep new flu strain away

By SHAWN P. SULLIVAN

WILMINGTON - Town Nurse Ann FitzGerald hopes that residents in Wilmington can remain calm and use common sense in confronting the latest strain of the flu that has grabbed headlines and worried many throughout the United States.

Cases of the strain, which is a Fujian mutant of the Panama Flu, have been widespread throughout the Midwest. Within the past week, the mainstream media have reported that the strain, known technically as H3N2, has infected individuals throughout all 50 states.

According to FitzGerald, many news reports have provided inaccurate or incomplete information when covering stories about victims claimed by the flu. Most importantly, she notes, the deaths that have been reported in regard to the flu frequently happened to individuals whose immune systems were already compromised by a pre-existing sickness.

FitzGerald states that there are a number of measures residents can take to keep the flu away, remain healthy, and resist panic.

"Good hand washing is the number one preventive for transmission," she begins.

From there, you can use proper "cough etiquette." In other words, cough into a tissue

instead of your hand or the open air, and throw it away quickly afterwards. Then revert back to the first guideline and wash your hands.

You should also resist taking kids or health-compromised individuals into crowds, which can be found anywhere from the malls, where throngs of consumers do last minute holiday shopping, to church, where Masses and services are better attended than usual during this time of the year.

You should also avoid unnecessary, close contact, such as hugging or kissing, if you or another individual exhibit the

symptoms of the flu.

It would be equally unwise to share things, such as forks and straws, that you or others place in their mouths.

"You should also refrain from public activity for five days if you are fever-stricken," FitzGerald advises.

Finally, those who catch the flu or exhibit its symptoms should stay home from school or work.

"You don't want to send sick kids to school," FitzGerald notes. "That doesn't help them or their classmates."

Symptoms of the flu, includ-

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Committee gets ready for peer reviews

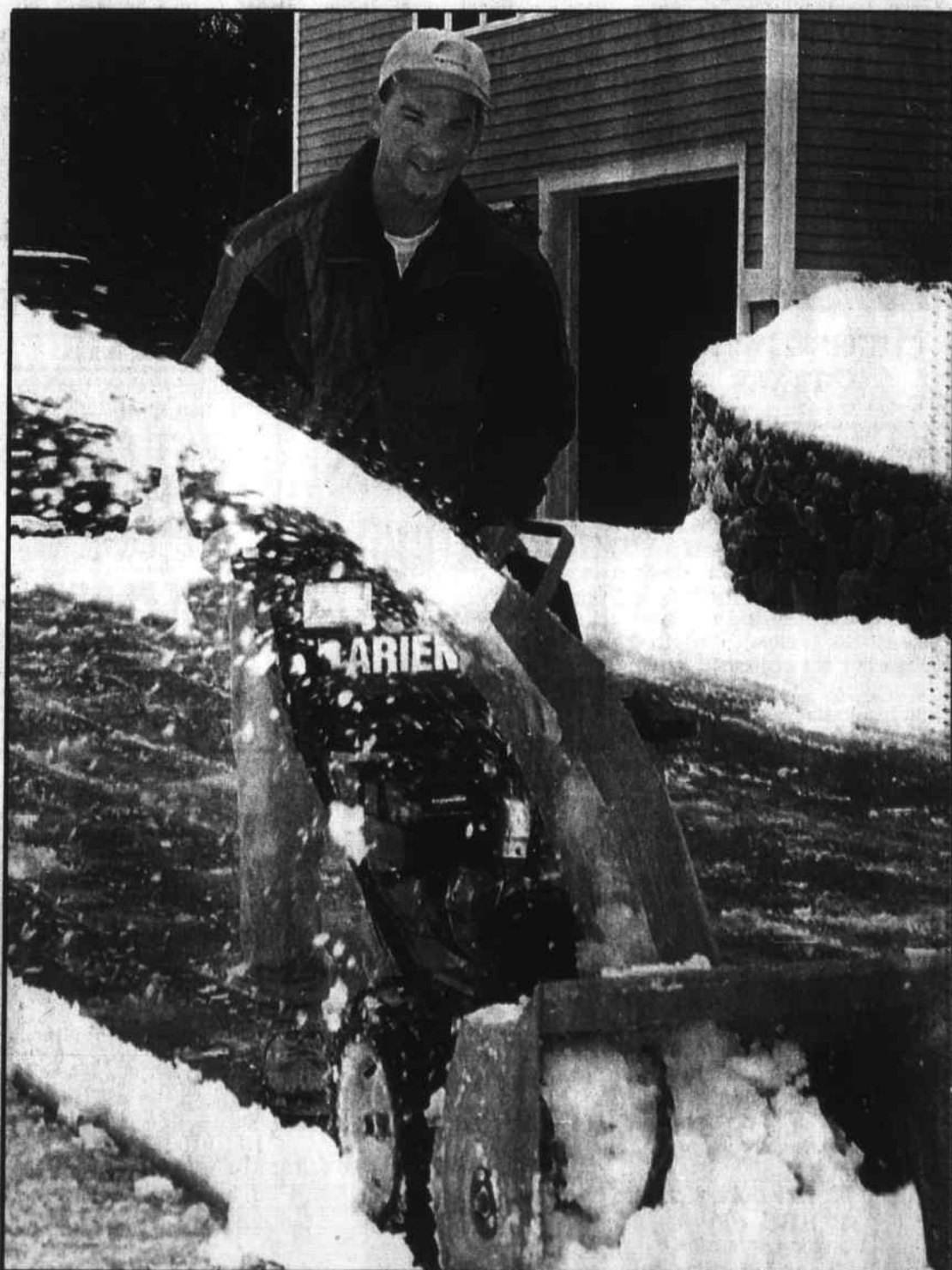
By STEPHEN BJORK

TEWKSBURY - The upcoming peer review of the Mills Corporation's proposal to develop land in South Tewksbury for the purpose of a new mall took center stage during a meeting of the Mills Study Committee on Tuesday, December 9.

Attorney Mark Bobrowski attended the meeting to discuss the process of the review. Bobrowski is currently working with the town in regard to comprehensive permits for the project. He has previously assisted the town on re-writing a zoning by-law that passed at the May 2002 Town Meeting.

According to Tewksbury Planning Director Steven Sadwick, Bobrowski is well known in planning and legal circles for his

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TACKLING THE SLUSH. Amherst Street resident Darren Hayduk clears his driveway after yet another snowstorm this past weekend. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)



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SECOND SEASON BAND MEMBERS MIKE SKINNER, DAN TANZELLA AND VINNY SAVOIA

Local band

Second Season to perform at Wilmington Memorial Library

Proceeds from concert will help food pantry

By DAN DILWORTH

WILMINGTON - There's a new band in town featuring Wilmington teenagers Mike Skinner, Dan Tanzella and Vinny Savoia.

For the past five months, these three have been working very hard on covering other artists' songs and writing and performing their own material. Their band, called Second Season, makes its official debut performance at the Wilmington Memorial Library on Tuesday, December 23.

Second Season formed at the start of last summer. At the time, Tanzella and Savoia were members of another band.

"Dan and I were playing songs on guitar, just messing around," explained Skinner. "Dan's mom thought we sounded really good, so we thought maybe Vinny would be interested in joining this little group of ours, and that's just how it basically formed."

The way Tanzella sees it, Skinner provided something important that was missing whenever he and Savoia played.

"Vinny and I had been playing for a good couple months, and I decided that I couldn't sing well enough, so we thought of one of the best singers we knew and Skinner (Mike) was it."

Savoia and Tanzella left their previous band and formed a

band called The Acoustix with Skinner. The three of them changed their name to Second Season when they discovered that The Acoustix was the name of an a capella group in Texas.

They chose the name "Second Season" because it is the second time around in the Wilmington music scene for Skinner and Tanzella. (It's the third time for Savoia.)

Skinner, Tanzella and Savoia practice about two or three times per week for about two hours.

"We have a repertoire of about 20 songs that we have been working on that we didn't write," Skinner said. "They're cover songs by other artists, and now we've decided that we should get into writing our own music. We've been working on originals for the past few weeks."

Second Season does not, however, restrict their repertoire to music solely from one genre or period in time; in fact, the play "old" music and songs by current artists.

"Our covers are all across the spectrum, really," said Savoia. "You can go from anything old like The Beatles to what would be called New Wave and stuff that you'd hear on the radio like Third Eye Blind and Matchbox 20. We're all really influenced by those bands."

Skinner explained that the band's original songs, though hard to pinpoint, are most similar in style to Matchbox 20. At the concert at the library on the 23rd, the band will perform four of their originals songs, which tend to focus on relationships.

When it comes to writing their own stuff, Tanzella and Savoia give Skinner all the credit for coming up with songs. He writes the lyrics.

"Sometimes when I write, I'll

have a guitar with me and I'll come up with a lyric and sing it into a different progression of chords that I had in my head and try to make it work," Skinner said.

According to Tanzella, the music of Second Season is a part of an ongoing process.

"I think every time we play one of our new songs, we add something else, so it's a continuing process," he said. "It'll never be completely done. We'll always be adding something."

All three have loved music for a long time. For them, the band is an obvious way to channel that interest.

"I've always loved music," said Skinner, who attributes his passion to the first album he ever bought, which was 'Cracked Rearview,' by Hootie and the Blowfish. "Before I moved here I had always been in private school and there was no music program. That really killed me because that was the only thing I was interested in. I've always wanted to be in a band ever since fifth or sixth grade. It's what I've been obsessed with."

These three teens were first in a band called Restricted. Skinner quit that gig after two weeks, though, because he had "musical differences." Such differences, though, occurred a long time ago and really have had no impact on the music that Second Season makes today.

Skinner was also in a band called Asthmatic Jack, which was based in Winchester.

Savoia first developed a love

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for music during the summer before he entered the seventh grade, when he watched a lot of MTV and "That Thing You Do," a film about a rock band that was directed by Tom Hanks.

"I went out and bought a lot of CDs and I got my first drum set in seventh grade," Savoia said. "After school I'd put in a CD and put some headphones on and I'd learn different drum styles and all different fills. At the same time, I was taking private lessons so I could learn how to read music."

From that moment, Savoia wanted to play in a band. Come the ninth grade, he got his wish. He and two of his classmates formed "Exposed," a band that played together for about five months.

"We played a couple shows, and we made a little demo CD," Savoia recalled. "It wasn't anything too big. That was my first real band, but (nothing really started happening for me) until I started playing in Restricted. That's when we started playing shows, and we did become a little known within the Wilmington music scene, which is kind of nice."

As for Tanzella, he grew up around music, for his father has played guitar for 20 years.

"I was a baby, and he was playing guitar," Tanzella said about his father. "I grew up around him playing all these songs. When I got old enough, I decided that I wanted to do this too. I've been playing guitar long enough now to be in a band."

Although Tanzella maintains that his father was the one who influenced him, he decided that he really wanted to play music after going to his first concert four or five years ago.

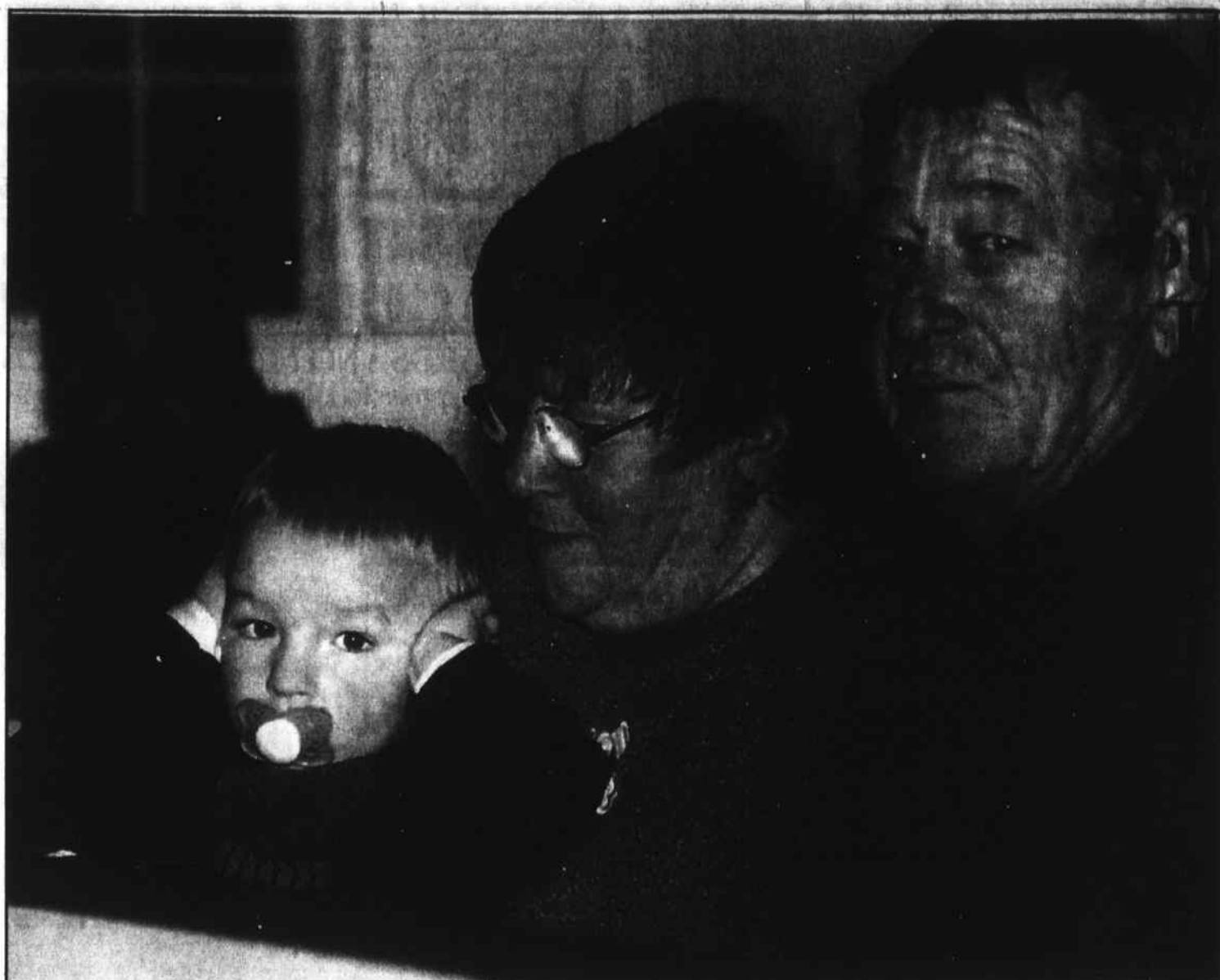
"I decided to do this probably when I went to see my first concert," he said. "It was my all-time favorite band, Lynyrd Skynyrd. They just looked like they were having so much fun up there and I said, 'You know what? I want to do that too.'"

For Skinner, Tanzella and Savoia, Second Season is their next step in pursuing their musical dreams.

Skinner plans to major in music and, in fact, does not intend to look at any schools that do not offer music programs. Savoia has also been looking at schools with music programs and hopes to possibly study music business or music sound recording technology. Tanzella, who is giving UMass Lowell a look, does not plan on majoring in anything music-related in college; instead, he wants to go into engineering.

When it comes to Second Season, though, the goal is just to have fun. Skinner, Tanzella and Savoia want to perform as many shows as they can, at least, Savoia said, "until Mike and I graduate."

The band's performance at the library on the 23rd will hopefully be the first of many concerts for them in the area. The event lasts from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission to the concert is free, but donations are certainly welcomed, for Skinner, Tanzella and Savoia are hoping to help the Wilmington High School Band raise money for the town's food pantry. All three budding musicians are members of the school band.



NOT MUSIC TO HIS EARS? Those older generations -- they play their music so loud! Joshua Borneman, 2, of Tewksbury, seen here with his aunt, Gail Kalinen, and George Wright, blocked out the roaring sounds of the brass band that performed at the Tewksbury Congregational Church last Sunday night. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Wilmington Police Log

Monday, December 8

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on High Street and Salem Street.

Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Burnap Street.

Clark Boynton, Junior, 48, of Lowell, was arrested in the vicinity of 21 Industrial Way and was charged with receiving stolen property valued at less than \$250.

Tuesday, December 9

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Ballardvale Street, Butters Row, and Main Street.

Authorities helped resolve a dispute between neighbors on Bay Street.

Karl Miller, 38, of Wilmington, was arrested at his home at 11

Pleasant Road on the basis of a warrant.

Wednesday, December 10

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Shawsheen Avenue, Lowell Street, Middlesex Avenue, and Ballardvale Street.

The locks on the door of Sun Cleaners on Lowell Street were reportedly vandalized.

Thursday, December 11

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Hathaway Road and Middlesex Avenue.

A residence was reportedly burglarized on Cunningham Street.

The driver's side window of a vehicle parked on Ballardvale Street was reportedly maliciously broken.

A mailbox at a residence on

Castle Drive was reportedly vandalized.

Friday, December 12

A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Grove Avenue.

Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Woburn Street.

Saturday, December 13

Authorities responded to two separate reports of domestic disturbances, one at a residence on Sandy Lane and the other at a residence on Grove Avenue.

Sunday, December 14

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Lowell Street, Ballardvale Street, Main Street, Avalon Drive, and Middlesex Avenue.

An assault and battery report-

edly occurred on Lowell Street.

A vehicle was reportedly struck by paintballs while it was parked on Shawsheen Avenue.

Judith Kelley, 47, of Reading, was arrested on Lowell Street in the vicinity of Interstate 93 and was charged with operating a vehicle after the suspension of her driver's license.

William Blue, 27, of Hudson, New Hampshire, was arrested in the vicinity of 361 Middlesex Avenue and was charged with shoplifting, receiving stolen property, and illegally possessing hypodermics.

Noreen Gunther, 45, of Concord, New Hampshire, was arrested in the vicinity of 361 Middlesex Avenue on the basis of a warrant.

Tewksbury Police Log

Monday, December 8

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Chandler Street and Main Street.

Authorities logged a complaint in regard to excessive noise that reportedly emanated from an apartment on Old Boston Road.

A group of youths were reportedly kicking a mailbox at a residence on Old Boston Road.

Wednesday, December 10

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street and Shawsheen Street.

A residence on Greylock Road was reportedly burglarized.

The Mobil Stadium Plaza on Main Street was reportedly robbed at gunpoint.

Tires of a vehicle parked on Tanglewood Avenue were reportedly maliciously slashed.

Mark Ayles, 27, of Lowell, was arrested in the vicinity of 873 Chandler Street and was charged with operating a vehicle after the suspension/revocation of his driver's license.

Thursday, December 11

A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Main Street.

Authorities helped resolve a dispute between neighbors on Marston Street.

A fight reportedly occurred between individuals at the Caswell Motel on Main Street.

A business was reportedly burglarized on Main Street.

Personal belongings were reportedly stolen from a vehicle while it was parked at Maverick's Restaurant on Main Street.

Authorities reported to a residence on Chandler Street and handled an individual who was not wanted on the premises.

Anthony Lumia, 37, of Tewksbury, and Patricia Calderas Negron, 34, of Lawrence, were arrested on Delaney Drive and were

charged with the illegal distribution of a Class B substance.

Friday, December 12

A motor vehicle-related accident was reported on Main Street.

A party reportedly disturbed the peace while it was held in a room at the Motel 6 on Main Street.

Authorities responded to a report of an assault and battery at the DeMoulas warehouse on East Street.

A residence was reportedly burglarized on Shawsheen Street.

Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on McLaren Road.

Naida Luisa Rodriguez, 21, of Lowell, and Linda Hansana, 20, of Lowell, were arrested at 333 Main Street and were charged with shoplifting by asportation.

Colleen McCarthy, 18, of Tewksbury, was arrested at her home at 33 Newton Avenue on the basis of a warrant.

Saturday, December 13

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on East

Street, Main Street, and South Street.

A residence on Shawsheen Street was reportedly burglarized.

Sunday, December 14

Motor vehicle-related accidents were reported on Main Street, Andover Street, North Street, Pond Street, and Whipple Road.

Authorities responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Marston Street.

Brian Destefano, 26, of Billerica, was arrested in the vicinity of 135 Lowe Street and was charged with two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, three counts of causing malicious damage to a vehicle, two counts of operating a vehicle as to endanger, and less than operating a vehicle.

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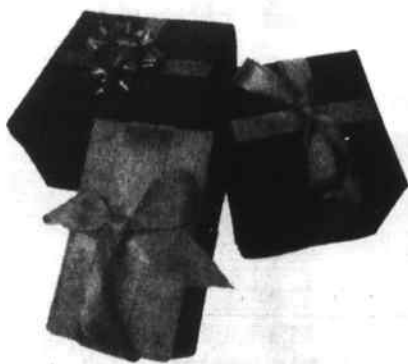


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TWEEKSBURY/WILMINGTON - Wilmington and Tewksbury Postmasters James R. "Jake" Quinn, and Joanna M. Louf ask for the cooperation of postal customers to keep walkways and curbside mailboxes clear of snow and ice to ensure the safe and efficient delivery of mail this winter.

"The Postal Service treats safety and service with equal priority," the postal officials said, "and we are seeking your help to ensure that you get the kind of service you need and expect and our letter carriers are safe from the perils they

face during the winter."

Letter carriers are especially vulnerable to slips, trips and falls during the winter months, they said, "adding " It is extremely important that you keep your walkways free and clear of snow and ice to help reduce the danger of a letter carrier suffering serious injury in a slipping accident.

"Your help in this regard is deeply appreciated by your letter carrier and all the many men and women who work together to make sure you receive the best possible mail delivery."

They asked residents to receive mail delivery to mail or curbside boxes to keep the approach to and exit from their mailbox clear of ice and snow, vehicles and trash cans and other objects. "This will permit the carrier to drive up to your mailbox and deposit or collect mail without leaving the vehicle. The approach to and exit from the mailbox should be cleared sufficiently on both sides to allow the carrier to drive ahead and not be required to back up after delivery," they said.

Tewksbury Senior Topics

A message from Linda Brabant, the Director of the Tewksbury Senior Center Join the Silver Tones Sing-a-long

TEWKSBURY - Tom McPherson of the Silver Tones Band reminds everyone that the band will be giving a sing-a-long Christmas concert at the Senior Center this Friday, December 19th, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. A visit from Santa Claus is expected, so bring along your yuletide spirit and help us bring in the holiday season with song and good cheer. This concert is sponsored in part by the "Tewksbury Cultural Council" and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Do hope to see you there. Refreshments will be served.

We also remind those seniors taking classes at the Senior Center that most classes will break for the holiday season, except the exercise programs. All exercise programs on Monday and Tuesday will be held. However, the Thursday and Friday classes will not be held next week or the following week. The dates that classes will resume will be noted in next week's column.

Although 'tis the season for merriment, it is also the season that finds many people down and out. Let's try to remember our friends or neighbors who have had a difficult time in the past months, those who may find it very hard to get through the holiday season. A phone call to see how they are doing or a visit may just lift their spirits. Christmas is the time for giving. Among the many tasks that the holiday season brings our way, the most important is setting aside time for our family and friends. This season try to set aside some time for such neighborly or family visits. I'm sure the rewards will be two-fold!

We are now selling five dollar gift certificates that can be used for COA or Friends of the Elderly activities. These are available at the Activities Office and would make a nice

gift for a Tewksbury senior.

Our first day-trip for the new year will be to the Amesbury Playhouse for the luncheon matinee of *Man of La Mancha* on Wednesday, January 21. This is a Tony award winning play about Don Quixote, an old man whose impossible dream takes over his mind. It includes the memorable musical selections "The Impossible Dream," "Dulcinea," and "I Really Like Him". The cost of the ticket for this trip is \$30 and includes lunch with three delicious menu choices and the show. Please don't delay in purchasing your ticket.

As of the day this article is being written there are still three tickets available for our casino trip to Foxwoods on Monday, December 29. Tickets are \$19. Once these tickets have been sold we will take names for the waiting list. No reservations will be taken over the phone for this trip.

An interest sheet for the Museum of Fine Arts Tea and Flower Tour plus the Gauguin Tahiti exhibit will remain posted on the bulletin board outside the Craft Room until Friday, December 19. If this is a trip that interests you, please tell us by signing the interest sheet. If there is enough interest a trip to the museum will be planned for late winter or early spring.

We are in the process of planning the day-trip schedule for the winter months and information about some of the trips should be in next week's column. If you have any suggestions about something that you have heard about or done, please let us know. It is most helpful if you could include any information that you have about the places you want to visit.

Have a good week and God Bless America.



Christina Miceli admitted to Massachusetts Bar

WILMINGTON - Christina Miceli was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar at a ceremony held at Fanueil Hall this month.

She graduated cum laude from the Massachusetts School of Law in June and took the bar exam in July.

Christina attended Wilmington schools. She graduated from the Brooks School in North Andover and then received her Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Investments from Babson

College in Wellesley.

Ms. Miceli is the Vice President of W.G. Leavitt & Son Insurance, a Division of Neighborhood Insurance, L.L.C.

Christina holds the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters designation, as well as the Certified Insurance Counselor designation.

Ms. Miceli is married to Sanford Arbogast and resides in Wilmington. She is also the daughter of Representative Jim and Jean Miceli.

Santa Claus will stop by health care office on Christmas Eve

TEWKSBURY - Hey, kids. This could very well be your last chance to bend the ear of the Man in the Red Suit. You know who we mean.

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DANCE PARTNERS. Students Matthew Dighton and Kathryn McNeil give Fred and Ginger a run for their money during the holiday concert that was held at the Woburn Street School in Wilmington on Friday, December 12. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)



SEVENTH GRADERS LIZ FEFEVRE AND PAIGE LIRKIS share a laugh during the tree-lighting on the Tewksbury Town Common on Friday, December 5. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)



Insurance Weekly

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When you rent a car, you are typically offered protection packages by the rental agencies that can add substantial cost to your daily charges. This leaves many consumers wondering if these packages are necessary. To best prepare yourself for consideration of these coverage options, check your auto and homeowner policies, as well as your credit card, before leaving home. Once you know what insurance protection you already have, the rental agent can better assist you. The loss-damage waiver (LDW) or collision-damage waiver (CDW) relieves you of financial responsibility if your rental car is damaged or stolen. Take it if your own auto policy covers only an older car, and your credit card does

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Christopher Hickey

Caitlyn Hogan
Nicholas Ianetta
Jonathan Impemba
Andrew Jarek
Courtney Johnson Nolan
Ankur Kanja
Brian Kapust
Matthew Kinnon
Candace Knopf
Lindsay Lafortune
Kevin Lee
Shannon Leighton
Shelby Leone
Daniel Litton
Gregory Lobdell
Stacie Logan
Neil MacDonald
Samantha Macy
Evelyn Manning
Erica Matranga
Kathleen Mehl
Michelle Mendieta
William Mikule
Dennis Minton
Kyle Monico
Jennifer Moore
Kelsey Morgan
Amy Morin
Heather Murphy
Spencer O'Connor
Shannon O'Neil
Brian Osterman
Michelle Palladino
Emmaline Pare
Michael Perry
Carolyn Petrishen
Mark Pitts
Adam Power
Joseph Prieto
Michael Procacini
Kyle Redmond
Kelli Reese
Danielle Remigio
Berit Richtsmeier
Shane Riddle
Kaitlin Rose
Jordan Russell
Rebecca Sears
Himanshu Shah
Scott Shugrue
Stephen Starling
John Steinbrecher
Amanda Stone
Patrick Sugrue
Brian Sullivan
Robert Tanso
William Tarpey
Michael Tessicini
Brian Tino
Robert Trayah
Michael Tyler
Emma Watson
Amanda Webb
Kelly Williams
Christina Wong
Vicky Wong
Derek Woolaver
Raymond Xu
Michael Zagzoug
Honor Roll 2

Alexander Barboza
Michael Bettano
Amanda Brian
Alicia Bumann

William Callahan
Daniel Cawley
Adam Chandonnet
Christina Costello
Cassandra Cronin
Michael Descoteaux
Jacqueline Domegan
Michael Espinola
Laurie Irvine
Michelle Kelley
Kenneth Kloetzer
Michaela Marche
Anthony Moccia
David Mulno
Samantha Napolitano
Stephanie Panos
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NOW HERE'S HOW YOU MARKET BEANS. An accident in front of Burger King in Wilmington on the windy afternoon of Wednesday, December 17, caused a traffic jam on Route 129. Pity the poor soul who was stuck behind this truck. Check out the website: magicalfruit.org, though.

(Stu Neilson photo)

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YMCA pool to be cleaned

READING - The Burbank YMCA will be closing both the teaching/therapy pool and the lap pool at noon on Sunday, December 21 for cleaning.

Both pools will reopen at noon on Saturday, December 27.

According to Associate Aquatics Director, Amy Vendt, it is unusual that the Burbank pool has not been closed and completely drained in the four years it has been open. Ms. Vendt has inquired at many of the local and state wide YMCAs as to how they handle such a major cleaning. Many of the Y's close their pools for up to two weeks.

The Burbank YMCA pools will be closing for one week. During this time the lap pool

will be completely drained. It will be scrubbed of all oil, soap and residue, then refilled and ready for December 27.

During the cleaning, members will be able to use the North Suburban Family YMCA in Woburn, the Waltham YMCA, the Andover/North Andover YMCA and the Melrose YMCA. Schedules for the pools at these YMCAs will be available at the Burbank YMCA.

For more information about aquatics or the pool closing, please contact Donna Griffith, Aquatics Director or Amy Vendt, Associate Aquatics Director, at 781-944-9622 x226



STRUMMING. Local guitarist Warren Newhouse performed at the holiday social that was held at the Harnden Tavern in Wilmington on Sunday, December 14.

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AT THE CONTRACT SIGNING. Congressman Marty Meehan, left, Textron employee James Cunningham, center, and Wilmington Town Manager Michael Caira, right, spoke during the reception that followed the signing of a \$38 million contract between Textron Systems and the United States Army earlier this month. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Abundant Life Christian School announces its honor roll

WILMINGTON - The Abundant Life Christian School recently released the names of students who made the honor roll during the last term.

First Grade

High Honors

Alyssa Rolli

Abygayl Marsh

Honors

Amanda Butler

Matthew Fugucia

Erica Finley

Morgan Higgs

Michaela Sullivan

Lexi Tamburello

Justin Wright

Outstanding Effort

Colleen Donovan

Garrett Christopher

Second Grade

High Honors

Alyssa Cieplik

Jordan Cohoon

Tory Cummings

Rachel Devlin

Julia Ferraro

Janet Lee

Colleen West

Sarah Williams

Honors

James Gibb

Michael Melanson

Shannon Moulton

Brennis Scales

Tommy Thompson

Outstanding Effort

Rachel Calaj

Daniel DiMare

A.J. Feldman

Blaine Petty

Third Grade

High Honors

Ricky Brathwaite

Garret Colantino

Sarah Figucia

Rachel Zeppi

Honors

Ben Bianchi

Nicholas Bradford

Alli Christopher

Katie Curtis

Bianca DeVirgilio

Matthew Devlin

Phillip Jones

Jon Koytila

Jacob Padilla

Kristina Robinson

Christian Schmidt

Outstanding Effort

Nicole Cordero

Adam Finley

Arianna Fiorenza

Briyana Fraser-Wilkerson

Fourth Grade

High Honors

Jessica Griffen

Emily Schuh

Honors

Kristi Anusevitch

Nick Burnell

Joey Cruz

Lea Gibb

Nathan Grimley

Cassie Hilpert

Outstanding Effort

Anthony Capozzi

Joshua Carl

Eric Hamilton

Taylor Hobart

Kevin Mills

Mia Screnci

John Thompson

Fifth Grade

High Honors

Eugenia Ameral

Marisa Melanson

Lauren Tamburello

Lia Tamburello

Honors

Kendra Brathwaite

Brianna Figucia

Courtney Figucia

Robyn Gonnerman

Kathy Marsh



Wilmington Library Notes by Christina Stewart

Holiday schedule

Happy Holidays from the staff at the Wilmington Memorial Library! The library will close at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24th. The library will be closed on Thursday December 25th, Christmas day. The library will be open Friday, December 26th and Saturday, December 27th 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Don't forget that you can access the library's catalog 24/7 at www.wilmlibrary.org.

Email Notification

If you would like to receive notices from the library via email letting you know a book you have requested is available, you can sign up online at www.wilmlibrary.org. Just click on the flashing envelope. You will also receive notices regarding overdue library material via email.

Wilmington Reads Update

Lucina Roark, Wilmington resident and graphic designer, has designed a logo for "Wilmington Reads Empire Falls". Check it out on the library's website where you will find more information about the town wide reading program.

Other Books by Richard Russo

Richard Russo's novels shine at portraying lower middle class people trying to find dignity and happiness against the backdrop of decaying industrial or academic communities.

Mohawk (1986) is Russo's first novel and is set in the town of Mohawk, NY, a "provincial but far from sleepy" leather town long after it has lost its tannery. It chronicles the lives of over a dozen characters, ranging over three generations of two clans, the Grouses and Gaffneys.

Risk Pool (1988) is set once again in the fictional upstate New York town of Mohawk. The story focused on the two years spent together by adoles-

cent Ned Hall and Sam Hall, his "missing for the last twelve years" father. Ned remakes himself in his drifter father's images but discovers 20 years later the redemptive powers of love.

Nobody's Fool (1993) features Donald "Sully" Sullivan, an unemployed construction worker, as always financially insolvent. He could finally reverse his fortunes by selling his father's dilapidated house.

However, his hatred of Big Jim prevents him from enjoying any profits from the sale. This is one of several dysfunctional relationships between Sully and family and friends. Paul Newman starred as Sully in the movie version of the book.

Straight Man (1997) moves out of the setting of an industrial town to a small rural town in Pennsylvania. William Henry Devereaux, Jr., is the interim chairman of the English department at West Central Pennsylvania University. Budget cuts force Devereaux to prepare a list of people to be fired. He protests and proceeds to take on the administration, his colleagues, the townspeople

and the campus geese.

The Whore's Child and Other Stories (2002) is a collection of seven stories whose subjects range from infidelity, self-reflection and failing memory, while examining family relationships and responsibility.

Each of Russo's works portrays the "agreeable craziness of everyday life." (Kirkus Reviews)

Award Winning Books

If you are browsing through the fiction stacks, you will notice some books with "Award Winner" stickers. These are books that have won such awards as the Pulitzer Prize or the National Book Award. Fiction readers should find this helpful in selecting notable titles in this category.

Upcoming Teen Events

Teen Winter Bash

The library will host a Teen Winter Bash on Tuesday, December 23rd at 6 pm for students in grades 6-12. This event will feature the live teen rock band, "Second Season". The party will include great music, food, and prizes! Best part? It's all free! (Prizes provided by the Friends of the Library). Do not miss this event! Drop in.

Lord of the Rings Festival II

On Monday, January 5th at 7pm the library will hold our second Lord of the Rings Festival for grades 6 and up. Teens are invited to come celebrate the release of the film *The Return of the King* (out on December 17th)! We will be playing *Lord of the Rings* jeopardy and holding a LOR book-mark design contest. Enter the LOR costume contest. Refreshments will be served. Everyone who attends will be entered in the door prize drawing. (Prizes provided by the Friends of the Library).

Be sure to visit the Teen Zone (on 2nd floor) and check out the Lord of the Rings book display.

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North Street School announces honor roll

TEWKSBURY - The North Street School recently released the names of students who made the honor roll for the previous term.

Class of 2012

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Ryan Anzuoni
Joshua Barbera
Sean Bender
Vincent Benvenuto
Marie Bonough
Daniel Boudreau
Marquela Brown
Kevin Bustin
Alexander Cordero
Liam Coughlan
Emily Coughlin
Carolyn Craft
Kaylie Cronin
Patrick Dempsey
Derrick Downey
Caitlin Dunn
Jenelle Dykeman
Taylor Elori

Conor Elwell
Jose Pedro Eng
Sara Figueiredo
Kassidy Flickinger
Frank Fulco
Bradley Gahagan
Rahil Hamza
Emily Hartigan
Tyler Hendrigan
Nicole Howe
Kerry Huynh
Lisetta Jacintho
Dominique Law
Kevin Leary
Jordyn Leblanc
Danielle Lucibello
Tara MacMullin
Nicholas Maglio
Jaime Makool
William McCreedy
Douglas McMenimen
Nicholas Miano
Kaylyn Michaud
Brittany Minichiello
Brian Moore
Heba Mostafa
Ashley Mulvey
Grank Murray

Brittany Nast
Brandon O'Keefe
Brendan O'Keefe
Kellianna Panos
Bharti Parris
Megha Patel
Laura Patriarca
Renee Penza
Colin Pierce
Ronald Popp Jr
Thomas Pothier Jr
Maria Rinaldi
Salvatore Riparo
Katherine Robinson
Amanda Romano
Christopher Salvo
Nicholas Santosuosso
Kevin Saunders
Nicole Sessa
Nicholas Sheehan
Joseph Sodergren
Danielle Spezzaferro
Courtney Spinelli
Stephanie Strange
Ryan Tirabassi
Michael Wenetta III
Olivia Wright
Thomas Zammuto

Class of 2013

Shannon Alukonis
Cameron Cathcart
Brian Connell
Mariah Culwell
Katie Delgreco
Nicole Depierro
Abby Donoghue
Samantha Florino
Caila Fuller
Rachel Gillis
Kelly Hatala
Matthew Jarbeau
Samantha Laferriere
Brendan Locke
Erin Macisaac
Megan Mader
Jamie Mcallister
Cameron Murphy
Cameron Oliveira
Sarah Parker
Michael Pelrine
Melissa Peters
Erika Petipas
Gianna Pino
Marc Piracini
Kayla Powers
Amanda Priest
Joshua Raymie
Nicaela Samson
Christopher Santora
Nicholas Souza
Christian Taylor



WISH LIST. Andrew Pearson, 4, visited the Wilmington Town Hall last week and told Santa Claus what he hopes he will find underneath his Christmas tree this year. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

Tewksbury Public Schools embrace the true spirit of the holiday season

By Christine L. McGrath, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

The Tewksbury Public Schools continue their annual practice of reaching out to those in need during the holiday season. Each school has organized fund raising and gift giving activities. I am pleased to share these activities with the members of the community.

Ella Flemings School - The faculty has requested that parents and guardians bring a gift wrapped toy for the "Toys for Tots" Charity Drive in lieu of gifts for the staff.

Loella F. Dewing School - The staff has collected food for the Tewksbury Food Pantry. The school has assembled the annual "Giving Tree" and they have donated over 500 gifts to area children served through the Department of Social Services. Students in grade four have donated to the "Sun Santa" and the "Make a Wish" program.

North Street School - Their charity fund raiser will benefit the House of Hope. This is fifteenth year that the school has collected pennies, spare change, and checks to benefit this shelter for mothers and children.

Heath Brook School - The school community has a "Giving Tree" to benefit members of the

Heath Brook School community. The school will also continue their "Coats for Kids" drive.

Louise D. Trahan School - This school has established a special mail box for gift certificates. The gift certificates will be given to the area teens served through the Department of Social Services. In addition the school will collect "Toys for Tots", "Coats for Kids" and assemble gift packages for needy Trahan School Families.

John F. Ryan School - The staff are assembling gift donations for needy families in the St. Williams Parish. The school will also conduct a food drive during the month of January when the food supplies are low.

John W. Wynn School - The school has completed a very successful food drive to benefit the Tewksbury Food Pantry. The school is currently conducting a "Toys for Tots" collection.

Tewksbury Memorial High School - The school has scheduled three events including a food drive to benefit the Tewksbury Food Pantry, a holiday drive with gifts to benefit the House of Hope, Alternative House and Tewksbury Hospital and a coat drive. These activities were organized by the Student Council and the National Honor Society.



GOOD TIMES. Wilmington resident Dorothy Lafionitis soaked up the holiday cheer during the annual social that was held at the Harnden Tavern on Sunday. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

A message from Rose McKenna, the President of the Tewksbury Golden Age Club Christmas party a success

The weather cooperated and our members had their annual Christmas party. The senior center was decorated beautifully and everyone came in dressed in their festive Christmas outfits. The afternoon started with music played by and sung by Larry Gilbert and Janet Hickey (D.J. America) For those of you who saw our variety show this year, you know that Larry was one of our great directors. Larry also entertained us with some of his magic tricks. They were great. Then we heard bells and Ho-Ho-Ho. And who should appear, but jolly old St. Nick. (Santa) He led us with a sing-a-long and then presented the exchange of gifts. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments. Then there were some very nice door prizes, and everyone went home very happily with a gift.

I want to thank the Entertainment Committee for all their hard work in putting such a wonderful day together. Seems impossible but another year has gone by. I just want to take a moment to thank the board of directors, the entertainment committee, the kitchen crew, the people who come forward to put on a wonderful variety show to raise moneys for school scholarships, everyone that just came forward to help whenever it was needed. A great group of people! Thanks!

Our sympathies to the families of our members Tony Galinis, John Kane, and Bob Plourde. They will all be sadly missed. To our members Theresa Fitzgerald for the loss of her sister.

From the Golden Age Club directors and all the committee members, we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a very healthy and Happy New Year.

Our next GAC meeting will be January 13, 2004.

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Post Office asks customers to mail cards early

With the volumes of cards, letters and packages expected to mushroom with the countdown to the holidays, Postmasters James R. "Jake" Quinn, Wilmington, and Joanna M. "Lou", Tewksbury, advise customers to mail early.

"Our goal is to deliver increased holiday mail volumes at our normal year-round service levels to make your holidays magical," they said, adding, "Although we have taken extra measures to handle the added volume, we are asking customers to mail early to avoid a backup of mail the last days before Christmas."

U.S. Postal Service customers will bring nearly 20 billion mailpieces to post offices during the holiday season, which lasts from November 29 to December 31.

The postal officials said customers can help speed post office transactions by providing retail clerks with full information on packages, such as requirements for insurance, delivery confirmation, and desired time for package arrival. Other helpful mailing tips to avoid glitches include:

- Write, type or print delivery address clearly
- Always use a return address
- Always use complete address information, such as Ave. Blvd. and St.
- Use the apartment number, suite number as well as correct directionals such as N, W, and SW.
- Don't let incorrect zip codes delay delivery of cards and letters. Find out the right codes at local post offices and the Postal Service Web Site - www.usps.com-offer.
- Select a container that is strong enough to protect the contents. Leave space for cushioning inside the carton.
- Always use tape that is designed for shipping, such as pressure-sensitive tape, nylon reinforced craft paper tape or

glass-reinforced pressure sensitive tape.

• Plain air-popped popcorn, shredded or rolled newspaper, bubble wrap or styrofoam peanuts work well for cushioning contents.

• The only address on packages for mailing should be the delivery and return addresses. TIP: Place a return address label inside the package.

• Carefully pack glass and fragile hollow items, like vases, with newspaper or packing material to avoid damage due to shock. When mailing framed photographs, take the glass out of the frame and wrap it separately.

• Packages that weigh at least one pound must be taken to the post office for mailing.

• When writing to Santa, be sure to use a return address. Santa may write back. Also, when writing Santa, please do not place any cookies for Santa or hay for his reindeer as this can gum up mail sorting equipment and delay delivery.

"The holidays are here, and we want to make sure your mail flies like an eagle and is delivered on time. Just help us by mailing early," the postmasters said.

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O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart, to succor me in this request; there are none that can withstand your power.

O, show me herein you are my Mother. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee. (3 times)

Sweet Mother, I place this request in your hands. (3 times)

Say for 3 consecutive days and publish. God Bless

12/17/03

A.A.C.

RMLD Commissioners approve Cameron's employment agreement

READING: At their December 10 meeting, the Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) Board of Commissioners unanimously approved an employment agreement for General Manager Vinnie Cameron. Cameron was acting general manager from January 2002 until February 7, 2003, when he accepted the position of general manager. The terms of the agreement require either party, the RMLD Board of Commissioners or Cameron, to give a six-month notice for employment separation. Cameron's salary is \$139,750, which is the median salary for general managers in large municipal utilities, and is

retroactive to February 7, 2003. Cameron's salary is subject to annual review.

"The agreement was crafted following the guidelines of Article 7 voted by the Town Meeting and which will be voted on by the Town of Reading voters in the spring," said Board of Light Commissioners Chairman Phil Pacino.

"It's been a long process to finalize the agreement and I thank the Board General Manager Employment Agreement Subcommittee and all the commissioners for working with me in this process," said Cameron.

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Obituaries

William P. Desharnais

Administrative assistant, poet; 44

LOWELL - William Paul "Billy" Desharnais, 44, a member of a well known Tewksbury family, died unexpectedly Monday, Dec. 15, 2003, at Lowell General Hospital.

He was born in Lowell, Oct. 21, 1959, a son of Roland and Barbara (Grant) Desharnais, who reside in Tewksbury. He was raised in Tewksbury, and graduated from Shawsheen Valley Technical High School, with the class of 1977. He moved to Lowell in 1977.

He worked for several area high-tech companies as an administrative assistant.

He will be remembered as a composer and poet, and had attended several national poetry conventions.

He was a former communicant of St. William's Church in Tewksbury, a volunteer at Saint's Memorial Medical Center, and a member of the "Mixed Nuts" bowling league at the Brunswick Lanes in Lowell.

Besides his parents, he is survived by three sisters and a brother-in-law, Ann Marie and her husband Walter Cantwell of Tyngsboro, Pat Judd of Lowell, Linda Y. Desharnais of Tewksbury; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, John A. Desharnais of Tewksbury, Roland E. and his wife Elizabeth (Silva) Desharnais of Burlington, Kevin W. and his wife Joann (Carney) Desharnais of Pelham, NH;

eight nieces and nephews; seven grand nieces and nephews; and several aunts and uncles.



He was also brother of the late Thomas D. Desharnais.

His funeral is Friday, Dec. 19, at 9:00 a.m. from the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 or 978) 851-2950. Funeral Mass Friday at 10:00 a.m. in St. William's Church, 1351 Main St. (Rte 38) Tewksbury. Visiting hours Thursday 5 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home. Interment in Tewksbury Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Croans and Colitus Foundation of America, Memorial Gifts, 386 Park Avenue South, 17th Floor, New York, NY, 10016-8804, will be appreciated.
www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com

Richard C. Fuller

Retired Wilmington firefighter; owner of Fuller Brothers Concrete Foundation; member of K of C # 4982; at 66

WILMINGTON - Mr. Richard C. Fuller, 66 of Wilmington, died Thursday, December 11, 2003 at his home surrounded by his family following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Fuller was born in Lowell, MA November 4, 1937, he was the son of the late Harold and Margaret (Pupkis) Fuller. He was a life-long resident of Wilmington. He graduated from Wilmington High School, Class of 1955. Mr. Fuller served his country as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps.

Prior to retirement, Mr. Fuller was a firefighter for the Town of Wilmington for 22 years, he was a retired member of the Firefighters Local #1370. He was also owner of the Fuller Brothers Concrete Foundation Company for 20 years.

Mr. Fuller was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Edmund Croke Council #4982 in Wilmington.

In his spare time he was an avid explorer with his metal detector, a fisherman, and he enjoyed watching his grandchildren's sporting events. Mr. Fuller is survived by his wife of 43 years Louise A. (Elliot) Fuller, his children Richard C., Jr. of Lowell, ME, Karen and

her husband Paul Sferazza, Brian and his wife Kathryn, Steven and his wife Heather, all of Wilmington, Christine and her husband Robert Hall of Haverhill, and Kevin and his wife Amy of Tewksbury, he was the grandfather of Paul Jr., Scott and Jennifer Sferazza, Aaron and Olivia Hall, Kourtney and Kaitlynn, and the late Kymberly Elaine Fuller, Patrick and Payton Fuller, Caila and Nicholas Fuller, brother of Linda and her husband Edward Dunlea of Lovell, ME., Carol See of Vero Beach Fla., Robert and his wife Barbara Fuller of Salem, NH, and Edward and his wife Shirley Fuller of Tewksbury, and the late Harold Fuller, Jr. Also survived by several nieces and nephews.

His funeral was held from Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Tuesday morning, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Dorothy's Church. Interment Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Memorial contributions in Richard's name may be made to the Spaulding Rehab. Development Department, 125 Nashua St., Boston, MA 02114

Tewksbury sporting licenses available

TEWKSBURY - Town Clerk Elizabeth Carey announces

that the Year 2004 hunting and fishing (sporting) licenses are available at the Town Clerk's Office at the Tewksbury Town Hall. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

First-time hunters shall show a Certificate of Competency from the Hunter Education Bureau and previously licensed hunters seeking to purchase a hunting or sporting license shall show a Certificate of Competency, or a previous hunting/sporting license, or an F.I.D. card, or a license to carry card before a hunting or sporting license can be issued.

Please be advised that all previous years' licenses are returned to the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife Field Headquarters (508) 792-7270. The Town Clerk does not have a copy on file at the Town Clerk Office; therefore, you should bring your hunting or sporting license from a previous year or the appropriate applicable documents when purchasing a Year 2004 hunting or sporting license.

Josephine M. Furbish

Worked at J J Cleaners; 75

TEWKSBURY - Josephine M. (Signore) Furbish, 75, a former employee of J J Cleaners in Tewksbury, died Saturday, Dec.



Tewksbury until retirement. She was a communicant of St. William's Church, a member of the Tewksbury Golden Age Club, and a frequent visitor to the Tewksbury Senior Drop-In Center.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a sister, Anita Carris of East Haven, CT, a brother and two sisters-in-law, Alfred "Babe" and his wife Joan (Toly) Signore of PA, Marie (Perrotti) Signore of CT, two aunts, Phyllis Ashley and Mae Norton both of NY, and several nieces and nephews.

She was also sister of the late Kathryn Wittemen and Stephen Signore.

Her funeral is Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 9:30 a.m. in the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) TEWKSBURY CENTER, (Phone 800 or 978) 851-2950. Visiting hours Tuesday 4 to 7 in the funeral home. Interment in Gibson Cemetery, Pelham, NH. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St. Lawrence, MA 01843 will be appreciated.
www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com

Mary C. "Celia" MacDonald

Formerly of Stoneham and Medford; 85

TEWKSBURY - Mary C. "Celia" (MacGilvray) MacDonald, 85, died Tuesday morning, Dec. 16, 2003, at the Life Care Center in North Billerica, after a long period of declining health. She was the wife of Francis G. MacDonald, who died in 2002.

She was born in Medford, Dec. 22, 1917, a daughter of the late Allan and Sarah (MacIsaac) MacGilvray. She was raised in Medford and lived most of her adult life in Medford and Stoneham. She moved to Tewksbury in 1997.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Francis G. and his wife Marilyn (Avola) MacDonald of Pelham, NH, Leo J. and his wife Paula (Antonuccio) MacDonald of Tewksbury; two daughters, Mary C. MacDonald, and Jean MacDonald both of Tewksbury; one brother, Harold

MacGilvray of Medford; one sister, Irene Guaraldi of TN; seven grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

She was also sister of the late John MacGilvray and James MacGilvray.

Her funeral is Saturday at 9:00 a.m. from the Tewksbury Funeral Home, corner of Dewey and Main Sts. (Rte 38) Tewksbury Center, phone (800 or 978) 851-2950.

Funeral Mass Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in St. William's Church, 1351 Main St. (Rte 38) Tewksbury. Visiting hours Friday 4 to 8 in the funeral home.

Following cremation, interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the N.E. Shelter for Homeless Veterans, 17 Court St. Boston, MA 02108, will be appreciated.
www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com

James F. Whittet, 82

WWII Navy Veteran, active in Masons

BOCA RATON, FL: James F. Whittet, age 82, a former longtime resident of Tewksbury, Mass. died Monday, December 15, 2003 in Boca Raton, FL. He was the husband of the late

Elizabeth "Pat" (Corey) Whittet. Born in Lowell on March 13, 1921, he was the only son of the late Francis and Elizabeth (Galloway) Whittet. Mr. Whittet resided most of his life in Lowell and Tewksbury. In 2000, due to his failing health, he moved to Florida to live with his cousin, Barbara Billadeau. Mr. Whittet served during World War II as a Radioman 2nd Class in the U.S. Navy. Following his honorable discharge from the Navy, he worked as a systems installer for the New England Telephone Company retiring in 1984 after 38 years. Mr. Whittet was an active member of several Masonic and Scottish Rite bodies. In 1989, he received his 33rd Degree in Pittsburgh, PA. He was past master of Ancient York Lodge AF & AM of Lowell and was active in the Lowell Lodge of Perfection, the Lowell Council Princes of Jerusalem and a Past Most Wise Master of the Mount Calvary Chapter of Rose Croix. In addition, he was a member of the Massachusetts Consistory Guard.

He is survived by his cousin; Barbara Billadeau her husband George of Boca Raton, FL and

Barbara's son Michael Rogers of Texas.

Mr. Whittet was the father of the late Constance Whittet Boudreau; step-father of



late Brenda Berry and cousin of the late Virginia E. Whittet and Barbara Galloway Ward.

Calling hours Friday 6-8 p.m. with a Masonic Service at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmer & Dee Funeral Home, 16 Lee Street, Tewksbury. Funeral services Saturday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial at Tewksbury Cemetery. Those who wish may make a donation in his memory to the Lowell Humane Society, 951 Broadway, Lowell, MA 01854 or to the Shriner's Hospital, 51 Blossom St., Boston, MA 02114.

Burbank YMCA holiday schedule

READING - The Burbank YMCA will be open special hours for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The Reading YMCA Center Christmas hours will be Wednesday, December 24 5:30 am to 2:00 pm and will be closed on Christmas Day. New Year's Eve the YMCA will be open 5:30 am to 3:00 pm with

the hours being 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm for New Year's Day. The Wakefield YMCA Center will be closed Christmas Eve and day.

The YMCA is presently taking registrations for the Winter 2004 session. For more information or to receive a brochure, please call 781-944-9622.

Rotary awards "Hats Off" to students Aalerud, Blair, Buehler and Fabiano

Charlene Aalerud, Stephanie Jean Blair, Jonathan Buehler, and William Fabiano, who are all students at Tewksbury Memorial High School, have been chosen as the Rotary Club's Hats Off Award Winners for 2003.

Charlene Aalerud
Charlene, the daughter of Kenneth and Janet Aalerud, has earned an impressive list of accomplishments. She is a National Honor Society Member, with a class rank of 37. She has made Principal's List maintained ranking on the honor roll. She is a class Council Representative and a member of ECHO. She serves on the Prom Committee. Charlene's athletic activities include four years of cross country, winter and spring track (She will be participating in spring). She is the recipient of Renaissance Gold and Silver cards. She has been the senior captain for all three seasons of track. She is an MVP recipient for winter track in her junior year, making it to the All State meet that year, and MVC All Star in winter track (2001-2002 and 2002-2003).

Her community service includes being a sponsor for confirmation at St. William's Parish, peer tutoring, (performed almost daily), eighth grade running club coach, Thursday night summer track program coach, trash clean-up around town, and leaf raking for the elderly (each fall).

Charlene's work experience includes being a cashier at Dunkin' Donuts, the Chuck-a-puck head at the Lowell Lock Monsters, a lifeguard and party hostess at Good News Fitness in Tewksbury, and a cashier at Market Basket.

Her nominating faculty member stated that Charlene is an outstanding student and leader. She is noted for perseverance and determination to see herself succeed and others succeed.

Stephanie Jean Blair
Stephanie, the daughter of Paul and Deborah Blair, is ranked 36 of 236 students in her graduating class. She has received numerous Renaissance Gold, Silver, Red and Blue Cards, maintained honor roll for four years and scored 1140 on her SATs.

Stephanie has been a student delegate for 3 years, and a member of ECHO (1 year), Literary Magazine member for 3 years, a Junior Classical League member (2 years) and a yearbook committee member for 1 year.

Her athletic activities include dancing at Broadway Dance Academy for 13 years, 9 years competitively, skiing at Ragged Mountain and backpacking overnight along the Appalachian Trail.

She has volunteered in several community service projects, such as raking leaves, answering telephones for the WGBH telethon, and helping out with the Thanksgiving food drive and the JCL car wash. She also bought gifts and made cards for the JCL Holiday Charity Drive. She is currently employed as a playcoach at the Kid's Playground. She was a counter person at Kosta's Korner from 2000-2002.

Nominating faculty member Mrs. Maureen Rideout states that Stephanie is very supportive of fellow students in the classroom; also, she is a behind the scenes worker in several activities.

Jonathan Buehler
Jonathan Buehler, son of Robert and Deborah, of 12 Henry J. Drive, has received numerous Renaissance Gold, Silver, Red and Blue cards. He has a score of 4 on the AP Calculus Exam, and has been enrolled in programming courses online at University Massachusetts Lowell, and has received 4.0's in each course.

Jonathan is a member of the student council, National Honor Society, as well as the math and robotics teams.

His special achievements include receiving the National Latin Exam Certificate of Honorable Merit and taking a college course at UMass Lowell. He is a recipient of the Stanley Koplick Certificate of Mastery.

He is a volunteer with the Boy Scouts Recycling Program at St. Williams Church, where he lends his services once a week. He has worked as a sales associate for both Best Buy and Comp USA.

Nominating Faculty Member Ms. Fran DeLucia states that Jonathan is helping to define what a good intern is: as her intern in MCAS Math Prep, Jon is conscientious and a second teacher in the class. In addition, Jon is a founding member of the robotics team. Ranked in the top 5% of his class, he has been part of the dual enrollment program at UMASS Lowell since sophomore year.

Nominating Faculty Member, Ms. Elaine Riley states that she has observed Jon in the MCAS classroom and finds he is at ease and respected by students. She also states that he does a wonderful job.

Nominating Faculty Member Ms. Denise Saindon states that Jon is a peer tutor and maintains a great average and also works!

William Fabiano
William Fabiano, of 6 Alison Way, son of Bill and Karen Fabian, was also named one of the Rotary Club's Hats Off Winners. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Earth Culture and Humanity Organization Member (ECHO), DECA member and has received numerous Renaissance Gold,

Silver, Red and Blue Cards. His SAT score is 1180.

William is Captain of the football team and hockey team (junior and senior year) and a member of the track team freshman year. He has also coached Youth Football for 6 years.

His work experience includes: Grounds Attendant, 1 year at the Tewksbury Country Club;

Reid Graphics, where he worked in quality control for 2 years; and Rockingham Silk Screens, where he has held an apprentice position for 5 years.

Nominating Faculty Member, Ms. Maureen Rideout states that Billy is energetic and cooperative in the classroom and in extracurricular activities. He is very supportive of his teammates and classmates.



Julie Stenquist and Jamie Magaldi will exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Stenquist of Woburn announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie A. Stenquist, to Jamie M. Magaldi.

Mr. Magaldi is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Magaldi of Wilmington.

Miss Stenquist graduated from Woburn High School in 1996 and from Middlesex Community College with a paralegal certificate in 1997. She has been a real estate para-

legal with the law office of Tedesco & Twomey, P.C. in Woburn for seven years.

A 1997 graduate of Wilmington high school, Mr. Magaldi graduated magna cum laude from Merrimack College in 2002 with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He is the assistant town engineer with the town of Westford. The couple are planning a May 14, 2005 wedding.

Pvt. Michael Drew graduates basic training

Army Pvt. Michael J. Drew has graduated from basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition, and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare, and bayonet training, drill and ceremony

marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Drew is the son of Cheryl D. and Michael J. Drew of Main Street, Tewksbury. He is a 2001 graduate of Lowell High School.

Dalba inducted into Golden Key National Honor Society

TEWKSBURY - Annemarie Dalba, daughter of Theresa Gay of Adams Street in Wilmington, and Paul Dalba of Alachua, Florida, has been inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Golden Key is a notional academic honor society formed to recognize and encourage outstanding scholastic achieve-

ment and excellence in all fields of study. Membership is by invitation to juniors and seniors who are in the top 15 percent of their class.

Dalba is a member of the Class of 2005 majoring in marketing at the University, where she also is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society. She graduated from Austin Preparatory School in 2001.

Infant Massage Program available for parents

LOWELL - Lowell General Hospital is pleased to announce the area's First Infant Massage Program, which teaches parents special strokes and moves to soothe and stimulate babies in a nurturing, bonding experience. Ideal for infants from 4

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A-CAROLING. Andrew Lesperance, left, and Brittany Abbott, right, belted out holiday tunes and clapped to the beat during a concert that was held at the Woburn Street School in Wilmington on Friday, December 12.

(Maureen Lamoureux photo)

School Lunch Menus

Wilmington Public Schools

Wildwood and Boutwell
Week of December 22
Monday: Bagel and cream cheese or butter, turkey cubes, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, cookies.
Tuesday: Pizza sticks, carrot and celery sticks with dip, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

cream.

Elementary

Monday: Breaded chicken with oven baked French fries, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, pudding with topping.
Tuesday: Italian Style pizza, (pepperoni opt.), seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

Wilmington Middle and High Schools

Monday: Chicken nuggets with assorted sauces, whipped potato, seasoned vegetable, chilled fruit, milk/juice, dessert.

Tuesday: Italian style pizza, (pepperoni opt.), chilled fruit, milk/juice, ice cream.

All Tewksbury Schools

Week of December 22

Monday: Patty Day with Roll, Potato Puffs, corn, milk, pudding.

Tuesday: Orange juice, frankfurter on a roll, with mustard and relish, potato puffs or fries, coleslaw, milk, dessert.

Wilmington Middle School Honor Roll: Grade Eight

WILMINGTON - The Wilmington Middle School recently announced the names of eighth graders who made the honor roll during the previous term.

HIGH HONORS

Baima, Stephanie
Bibeau, Matthew
Brown, Alyssa
Brophy, Kristyn
Burke, Nina
Calway, Tyler
Camillieri, Lauren
Cavallaro, Christa
Chase, Marissa
Chisolm, Bethany
Cimaglia, Louis
Clarkin, Nathaniel
Cole, Kathryn
Colella, Justin
Concannon, Brittany
Condell, Michael
Corwin, Alison
Crowley, Jessica
Davis, Tiffanie
Dinatale, Leah
DiNuccio, Jennifer
Engrem, Nicole
Farnsworth, Nicholas
Florentino, Danielle
Flood, Kelly
Fortuna, Jillian
Fraser, Kathryn
Good, Gregory
Haggerty, Rachel
Hoang, Stacey
Keane, Megan
Little, Keith
Livermore, Susan
Lunt, Kyle
Mazzeo, Rosa
McBride, Jessica
McGuire, Cara
Mello, Ernest
Miles, Danielle
Mitchell, Andrea
Murphy, Julie
Murphy, Kern
Murphy, Krista
Nihan, Nihan
O'Brien, Kristen
Oglesby, Andrew
Perkins, Timothy
Prinzivalli, Lorena
Prochorski, Alexandra
Robarge, Nicholas
Starratt, William
Stevenson, Katherine
Stone, Kathryn
Sugrue, Jaclyn

Turner, Sarah
Ward, Kayla
Williams, Matthew
HONORS

Allan, Nicole
Barcellos, Katelyn
Boland, Elizabeth
Borsetti, Evan
Briggs, Sara
Brush, Alanna
Bush, Craig
Capone, Anthony
Carter, Kevin
Catania, Michelle
Celeste, James
Cerra, Justin
Ciampa, Kimberly
Ciulla, Amanda
Clark, Lindsay
Covino, Jesslyn
Cushing, Timothy
Derian, Matthew
Derosa, Justin
Donoghue, Robert
Donovan, Andrew
Ennis, Jill
Enwright, Michael
Evans, Grant
Fahey, Zachary
Fay, Sean
Ferrara, Judy
Figucia, Alison
Foley, Brendan
Gallant, Katelyn
Ghafari, Korinne
Goosens, Andrew
Hanson, Bethany
Hanson, Kayla
Harrington, Michael
Hitchins, Lauren
Jannone, Nicholas
Kaufman, Justin
Kealos, Ashley
Kelley, Shayla
Kelly, Brianne
Kelly, Michael
Kindred, Breanne
Kindred, Taylor
Laforune, Tara
Lancione, Stephanie
Langone, Brooke
Lanpher, Ashley
Lesnik, Christopher
Logue, Ashley
Loguidice, Justyn
Loranger, Justin
Lord, Amanda
MacDougall, Lindsay
Magee, Colleen
Maguire, Tara

Mahoney, Sean
Marchesi, Ashley
Marsh, Steven
McCarthy, Shannon
Melsaac, Stephen
McKenna, Julianne
McMillan, Mickayla
McNally, Tatum
Melkonian, Aleena
Melkonian, Natalie
Mills, Daniel
Mullens, Jacqueline
Murphy, Christopher
Murray, Richard
Nguyen, Kathleen
Nichols, Kimberly
Nieman, Alyssa
O'Brien, Lauren
Olson, Lynne
O'Neill, Jennifer
Otvic, Casey
Ozelis, Kristen
Paris, Jennifer
Parsons, Erica
Phillips, Michelle
Pickett, Melanie
Pizzotti, Michael
Polcari, Joseph
Potcner, Leah
Powers, Nicholas
Rastellini, Christopher
Reilly, Alexandra
Robarge, Michael S
antangelo, Nicole
Sauve, Stephanie
Schauman, Alicia
Silsbee, Noelle
Simbeck, Nichole
Skinner, Kevin
Smith, Amelia
Smith, Derek
Stevens, Francis
Stira, Jessica
Suprenant, Renee
Taylor, Ashley
Tello, Stephen
Thorpe, Nigel
Tobin, Corey
Tummino, Peter
Valente, Andrew
Vemula, Balakriehna
Waitt, Charles
Walsh, Kaila
Walsh, Stephanie
Watroba, Tyler
Webber, Sarah
Westerberg, Lauren
Whalen, Alelia
Winn, Brittanni
Yeomelakis, Jason

Wilmington Middle School Honor Roll: Grade Seven

WILMINGTON - The Wilmington Middle School recently announced the seventh graders who made the honor roll during the previous term.

HIGH HONORS

Abell, Kathryn
Beaulieu, Danielle
Breslin, Ryan
Carroll, Kieran
Collins, Allison
Figucia, Carla
Folk, Robert

Garrard, Lindsay
Gedaminsky, Patrick
Gormley, Laurence
Hunt, Daniel
Kennedy, Colleen
Lyman, Alessandra
Mahoney, Hillary
Mahoney, Melissa
Mailey, Jacquelyn
Marinella, Anthony
Mason, Cory
McCarthy, Ryan
Monteforte, Nicholas
Morlani, Anthony
Nicholas, Paxton
Pandya, Nira
Parker, Ryan
Parsons, Eric
Pereira, Jason
Riley, Kaitlyn
Rooker, Lisa
Sanderson, Andrea
Sartoris, Corinne
Scola, Michael
Spurr, Jonathan
Tavares, Sean
Townsend, Ryan
Walsh, Kelly
Waring, Lauren
Woods, Stephanie

HONORS

Antico, Ashley
Beaudin, Kayla
Benson, Stephanie
Bockus, Nicole
Bonaccollo, Nicole
Bonish, Scott
Boyle, Patrick
Bresnahan, Ashlee
Brown, Adam
Bown, Briana
Brown, Michelle
Browne, Kristen
Burke, Kendra
Burns, Jamie
Castiglia, Joseph
Cazeau, Andrew
Cerbone, Joseph
Chin, Elizabeth
Chiricosta, Michael
Church, Amanda
Col Ivy
Coccoluto, Nicole
Conway, Erin
Copeland, Erin
Crampton, Valeri
Crowley, Erin
Crupi, Elizabeth
Cummings, James
Delrossi, Mark
Dellisola, Daniel
Dicicco, Dawn
Dirienzo, Justin
Diecidue, Antonio

Donahue, Amanda
Femino, Janelle
Ferraro, Rachel
Ferry, Ben
Fitzpatrick, Cameron
Flanagan, Kevin
Flodin, Andrew
Fortin, Paul
Foy, Kaitlyn
Geanakakis, Mark
Gingras, Jamie
Golden, David
Gorman, Julie
Hachey, Matthew
Haigh, Ashley
Hall, Mary
Hanafin, Kerry
Hayes, Nicholas
Heenan, Adrienne
Howland, Kayla
Jackson II, Bradford
Jensen, Charlotte
Kennedy, Ryan
Kulacz, Cory
Lunt, Eric
Lynch, Ashley
Maglione, Angela
Manganelli, Michael
Mansir, Laurie-Ann
Martins, Caitlin
Martins, Mario
McCann, Dominic
McDonagh, Michael
McMahon, Erin
McMahon, Theresa
Mulrenan, Meghan
Nasiff, Lauren
O'Donoghue, Shannon
Pantano, Victoria
Parrella, Jonathan
Perkins, Samantha
Pothier, Emily
Powers, Shawn
Reed, Dylan
Reed, Michael
Robichaud, Amanda
Russo, Nicholas
Ryan, Courtney
Ryguel, Shelby
Santos, Alan-Michael
Sheerin, Michael
Sorrentino, Frank
Souza, AnneMarie
Spurr, Karalynn
Stewart, Stephen
Stokes, Kasey
Sughrue, Stephen
Thibault, Christopher
Vassallo, Kenneth
Vigneau, Nicole
Weaver, Joshua
White, Michelle
Whookey, Kalla
Wilson, Cohn
Worthington, Maureen
Yee, Allison

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Mills Corporation's mall proposal

Committee gets ready for peer reviews

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handbook on land use regulations in Massachusetts.

Peer reviews of the Mills proposal will include a number of aspects, including, but not limited to, civil engineering, traffic engineering, and financial analysis.

"In order to understand whether or not what the developer is doing is feasible and what the ultimate impacts of the project will be, you need to have someone advising you through the peer review process," Bobrowski told the Committee.

Portions of the peer review process have already been initiated, but Bobrowski recommended that the financial analysis segment be addressed. For the position, Bobrowski recommended Judy Barrett, an analyst who recently completed work for the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission and has extensive knowledge of the region.

Selectman Douglas Sears, a member of the committee, suggested the firm of Tischler Associates for the position. He stated that Tischler Associates had recently performed a study for the town of Barnstable and

had received high recommendations for its work. Bobrowski remarked that he knew Barnstable's Town Counsel and would be happy to seek a reference.

Bobrowski repeatedly stressed that Tewksbury would be his client and that he would always be advocating for the town's best interests. He stated that Mills's proposed Draft Overlay along Route 93 has been written by the proponent to favor the proponent. Bobrowski's job is to shift that favoritism on behalf of the town.

"We have dual responsibilities regarding zoning," Bobrowski told the committee. "My job is to make sure it is legal and to negotiate with the developer to the extent that they want to push back. Your job is to tell me what the picture should look like and I'll make sure it gets there."

The committee unanimously voted to engage Bobrowski for his services and to direct him to initiate the peer reviews necessary.

According to Bobrowski, peer reviewers will identify and create a shopping list of issues in

regard to Mills's proposal that the committee should address.

During the meeting, the committee returned to the proposed Draft Overlay and discussed specifics pertaining to height restrictions and potential build-out maximums.

"You can best perform your job function if you come up with a series of goals and objectives, which don't have to be detailed, but really establish a kind of principle of an action point and they either go into the memorandum of agreement or the zoning by-law," Bobrowski advised.

Committee member Steve Deackoff proposed limiting the building within the overlay district to no more than 750,000 square feet of Gross Leasable Area (GLA). He also suggested that anyone wishing to build more would have to go before the Planning Board for a special permit.

Committee member Michael Sitar suggested excluding the parcel of Tewksbury land situated westerly of Interstate 93 from the overlay district.

Bobrowski expressed concern with the apparent lack of coordination between the Mills

Study Committee and the Planning Board Subcommittee, which is engaged in zoning issues.

"My recommendation is that there needs first of all to be a much closer coordination between this group and the Planning Board Subcommittee, so that everyone understands their role and so that recommendations aren't heading in separate directions," Bobrowski advised.

Bobrowski recommended the formation of a smaller subcommittee, of maybe two members, to conduct meetings with the proponent to discuss various issues, hammer out details and then report back to the larger body. No decisions would be made by the subcommittee and the meetings would be open for the general public.

"The Committee could either vote to endorse the subcommittee's work or to reject it," Bobrowski explained.

The committee approved the formation of the subcommittee as it was defined in Bobrowski's recommendation. Committee Chairman Ray Shaw appointed Deackoff, Sears and Sitar to the subcommittee.

Town Counsel believed to be seeking a raise

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compromise any position held by the town. Caira then said that a discussion relating to contractual issues in regard to Wilmington's Town Counsel did occur. He declined any further comment and suggested speaking with Chairman McCoy.

McCoy declined comment at that time.

The selectmen will be meeting in executive session this Thursday, December 18.

"I'm not sure what we will be discussing on Thursday's executive session," Lepore says. "I haven't gotten my packet yet."

According to McCoy, discussions will center on non-union contracts and ongoing litigation.

"This board has done everything above board and in the public eye and we will continue to do so," McCoy says.

Town Counsel DeRensis was

not able to be reached for comment.

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Strides taken to re-broadcast selectmen meetings

Efforts also underway to bring local cable access to town

By STEPHEN BJORK

TEWKSBURY - When the Board of Selectmen voted on November 18 not to have their meetings videotaped for the record, the decision in effect removed any possibility of replaying such meetings on the town's government cable television station after their live broadcasts.

Recently, a local resident recorded a selectmen meeting at home and submitted the videotape to Selectman Douglas Sears, who was the lone dissenting vote when the decision was made not to tape meetings. Sears, in turn, submitted the tape to Assistant Town Manager Sandy Barbeau, the administrator of channel 10, for re-broadcasting. She contacted Selectmen Chairman Charles Coldwell to advise him of the situation.

"He told me, 'No, we voted not to do that,'" Barbeau says.

The town generally does not accept videotapes from the public for broadcast because the town has not the time or resources to verify their complete content before airing.

"Our cable TV budget is roughly \$12,000 a year, raised and appropriated by a vote at Town Meeting," Barbeau says.

Approximately \$4,600 comes from cable provider Comcast, for the purpose of public access television. Such a sum goes into the

general treasury.

Tapes of meetings are broadcast only at the request of the board or committee being recorded. According to Barbeau, the town hall and the library of Tewksbury Memorial High School are the only two locations with the capacity of airing live.

Selectman Joseph Gill sees nothing wrong with re-broadcasting selectmen meetings.

"It is shown live," Gill says. "We have nothing to hide."

The Review Board is currently examining the potential of videotaping selectmen meetings. Gill is waiting for Selectman John Ryan to report the Review Board's findings.

Sears is not interested in waiting for those findings.

"It shocks and appalls me that my own community's leadership is so adverse to doing what every other community is doing to keep their residents informed," Sears said.

Wilmington currently airs its selectmen meetings live and then, by contract with Comcast, re-broadcasts each meeting five times.

Tewksbury resident Donna Gacek was recently named Executive Director at Wilmington Community Television (WCTV). She hopes to assist in incorporating many of the features that Wilmington residents enjoy to

Tewksbury's system. She has recently been named to Tewksbury's Cable Advisory Committee.

Wilmington has three cable stations that fall under the umbrella of WCTV, which is funded entirely by citizen memberships and subscriber fees charged to customers by Comcast. Prices are \$15 for an individual membership, or \$25 for a family membership. Members are eligible to attend any and all equipment training seminars and enjoy unlimited use of the editing equipment. Once trained, members are free to borrow professional video equipment to record an event or produce a segment of a show for broadcast.

"We conduct a schedule of formal training classes and several people are trained at each one," Gacek says.

WCTV encompasses the entire basement of the Swain School on Middlesex Avenue in Wilmington. The building is no longer used as a public school facility, and includes a studio with sound booth and editing suites equipped with both linear and non-linear editing equipment.

Borrowed equipment generally contributes the broadcasting of 4th of July events, various parades, school plays, community sports, and choral events.

A number of programs are pro-

duced in studio, including talk shows that cover a variety of topics.

"Typically, towns have studios set up with editing suites," Gacek says. "It is wonderful and people don't realize what they are missing because they don't have access to it."

Gacek is eager to attend meetings of the Cable Advisory Committee in Tewksbury. She intends to explore the current contract and will be looking to find out how cable fees have been spent so far.

Selectman Gill currently oversees the negotiations with Comcast with input from the Cable Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen. He is awaiting Comcast's initial proposal for the town's next contract. He expects the proposal to be ready in June and will then begin negotiation. The Cable Advisory Committee held one public meeting last July and will hold another to address Comcast's proposal.

When speaking about the cable industry, Gill pulls no punches.

"Cable sucks," Gill says. "We are basically dealing with a monopoly. We have no control over programming or pricing. People think we do, but we really don't."

Residents will see jump in property taxes

By STEPHEN BJORK

TEWKSBURY - The Board of Selectmen held its annual tax classification hearing on Tuesday, December 16. As a result, Tewksbury will see a 7.9 percent spike in cumulative residential property taxes, while the whole of commercial properties in town will see a 3.4 percent dip.

Specifically, the selectmen voted a residential factor of .859, resulting in a split rate of 1.56 for Fiscal Year 2004.

Town Manager David Cressman informed the board that the town has completed a re-valuation process as mandated by the state.

"This issue is more complex this year due to the re-valuation," Cressman said.

Shifts in tax burdens occur whenever re-valuations of property are conducted. The skyrocketing rise of residential property values, along with the rather stagnant state of commercial/industrial values, in recent years has compounded the issue.

Re-valuations of properties are determined by market value as demonstrated in the real estate market locally, state-wide, and nationally.

"This year, the shifts in values are some of the most dramatic in recent history, with the shift occurring as residential values increase by 41 percent while commercial/industrial values increased by 15 percent," Cressman said.

Tewksbury had been using a split rate of 1.43. If the town was to retain that split rate, residential property taxes would increase on an average of 11.8

percent, while commercial/industrial property tax bills would decrease by 11 percent.

Municipalities are restricted by law from exceeding a 1.75 split rate.

Tewksbury would have to adopt a split rate of 1.68 for both residential and commercial/industrial properties to share the same percentage tax increase.

"However, this moves Tewksbury dangerously close to the 1.75 split rate, which means if the town ever experiences another large variation in assessment increase among the two property groups, the town will have less opportunity to buffer such a shift," Cressman said.

Tewksbury Chief Assessor Jay Kelley presented figures to the board, representing scenarios depicting an increase in the split rate to 1.68, maintaining the current split rate of 1.43, and increasing the split rate to a middle ground of 1.56.

Cressman recommended increasing the split rate to the middle ground of 1.56.

"This would mean the residential group would see an increase of 7.9 percent and the commercial/industrial group would see a decline of 3.4 percent," said Cressman.

Cressman found that different styles of homes saw very different levels of increases in the re-valuation. Capes and ranches, according to Cressman, saw a larger assessment percentage increase than colonials and raised ranches.

"Thus, the same tax increase between residential and commer-

cial/industrial will result in a little or reduced tax burden for some colonials and raised ranches compared to capes and ranches," Cressman said. "Thus, the 1.56 split is fairer to the various types of residential properties."

Kelley advised selectmen that votes were required of them to determine whether to establish a residential or small business exemption. Historically, according to Kelley, the board has voted not to establish either one.

Kelley also informed the board that the excess levy capacity for Fiscal Year 2004 is \$27,836.63. That capacity will not be avail-

able to the town, however, because in order to raise additional tax revenue, the tax rate would have to increase. Tewksbury has a total taxable value of \$3,495,911,200, and the minimum increase in taxes would be no less than one penny, resulting in an increase in tax revenue of \$34,959.11.

"That number is greater than the excess levy capacity and would put us over the levy limit," Kelley said. "Therefore, we cannot increase the tax rate to raise the \$27,836.63 in excess levy capacity."

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Town Nurse offers ways to keep new flu strain away

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tally, include a high fever, headaches, extreme exhaustion, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches. The elderly and those with respiratory illnesses are most susceptible to the virus.

"People need to get a pneumonia vaccination if they are at risk for respiratory chronic diseases," FitzGerald advises.

Special care should also be provided to children, FitzGerald says, for their lung apparatus is, naturally, smaller than an adult's.

According to FitzGerald, the town does not have any more clinics scheduled for flu shots and does not expect more doses of vaccines any time soon. The town did hold two clinics, one for senior citizens and one for the general population, in October. Both occasions were advertised in the local newspapers.

FitzGerald says that both clinics were "moderately attended," in that approximately 880 shots were administered.

This year, though, there was a higher demand for vaccinations than last year.

"Last year, I had so much vaccination that I couldn't give it away," she recalls. "As a result, less vaccination was created for this year."

This year, the state reduced allotments of flu vaccines to individual communities by approximately 20 percent. Such a cut left Wilmington with 300 fewer doses to administer than it had last year.

Given the shortage of shots, some are seeking out The Flu Mist, a nasal vaccine. Such a spray is not for everyone, however. For one thing, only completely healthy individuals between the ages of 5 and 49 should use it. Even then, such folks would need a prescription from their doctors.

There's another factor that places The Flu Mist slightly out of reach.

"It's expensive," FitzGerald says. "It costs between \$50 and \$75 a dose."

The more knowledge one has,

the better, for it is a way to keep concerns in check and hold unnecessary panic at bay. According to FitzGerald, websites exist that residents can frequently visit on the Internet and stay up-to-date on all current strains of the flu and their whereabouts in our country.

For starters, the Center for Disease Control can be found on the Internet at www.cdc.gov. According to a map on this website, Massachusetts is not currently regarded as a hot spot for the flu.

Secondly, the World Health Organization has its website at www.who.int.

Lastly, alerts in regard to local matters of the flu can be found at www.state.mass.us.gov/dph. Click "epidemiology and immunization."

"The main thing is to remain calm and use common sense," FitzGerald says.



IN THE COMFORT OF FRIENDS. Wilmington residents Mary O'Malley, left, and Gloria Deihl, right, enjoyed the festive atmosphere at the annual holiday social that was held at the Harnden Tavern on Sunday. The event had been postponed from the previous weekend due to the snowstorm. (Maureen Lamoureux photo)

NE Transrail re-files for loading facility

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documents had been signed by Attorney Paul Jacobbi of Jacobbi and Case of Connecticut. This most recent filing was submitted by Attorney John F. McHugh of New York City.

Included in the filing were letters addressed to Roger Nober, the Chairman of the Surface Transportation Board, indicating support for the project from two separate Congressmen, neither of whom represent a Massachusetts-based constituency.

"I am aware of a rail line and reload terminal development proposed by New England Transrail in the Boston area," wrote Congressman Nick J. Rahall. "I see this as a means to a healthy rail industry, a source for jobs, and an environmentally safe transportation opportunity in a densely populated urban area where environmental stewardship is of paramount importance to local health and safety."

Rahall represents the 3rd District in West Virginia. The bottom of his letter contained a handwritten note to Nober stating, "I'd really appreciate your counsel on how I can help on this. Warmest personal regards and deep appreciation."

The second letter, which advocates the building of this type of facility without referring directly to the Wilmington proposal, was written by Congressman Jerrold Nadler, who represents the 8th District of New York.

"We need the most efficient transportation system possible, consistent with environmental safety," Nadler wrote. "In most cases, that is the railroad. Of all commodities, waste does not need to occupy valuable space on our highways."

Newhouse, who attended the December 8 selectmen meeting, suggested that it might be interesting to check into the sub-committees on which those two congressmen serve. According to their letterheads, both congressmen serve on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Highway and Transit, Railroads subcommittee.

Selectwoman Suzanne Sullivan had read the filing and took issue with NET's account of Wilmington residents.

"They call Wilmington a town of NIMBYs (Not In My Back Yard)," Sullivan stated. "That's how I read it."

On page 14 of the filing, the significance of the property's environmental history is addressed.

"In all such cases opposition will arise from 'not in my back yard' interests as, in most cases, such sites are in or near populated areas," the filing states. "In this case the prior owner's past history has generated pent-up rage in the community, creating pent-up rage in the community."

NET's filing states that the community's pent-up rage has created a distrust of any entity,

whether governmental or otherwise, seeking to develop the site.

In addition to the Board of Selectmen, Caira alerted Town Counsel Paul DeRensis of NET's filing.

In another matter pertaining to the property, Caira received an exemption from an environmental review. DeRensis stated in October that, due to extensive work performed by his firm and by concerned Wilmington residents, an environmental review would be performed.

In July the NET sought an exemption from an environmental review. DeRensis stated in October that, due to extensive work performed by his firm and by concerned Wilmington residents, an environmental review would be performed.

"Now they need (an environmental review), so our hard work has paid off," DeRensis told the Board in October.

DeRensis stated that the NET was claiming that all local and environmental concerns had been addressed and that it was seeking to conduct a minimal environmental review. DeRensis called for concerned citizens and town officials to submit comments to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office seeking a fully comprehensive environmental review.

Despite submitted comments, Ellen Roy Herzfelder, the Secretary of Environmental Affairs, concluded that Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency regulations did not warrant the preparation of an EIR after determining that a review prepared for a formerly proposed warehouse facility to be built on the site sufficed.

Previously, the Secretary determined that no additional review was required on the Environmental Notification Form (ENF) for a 350,000 square-foot Warehouse/truck distribution facility," Herzfelder wrote.

Herzfelder acknowledged comments submitted by the community regarding concerns with the ongoing remediation at the Olin site. While she empathized with residents, she concluded that work to rid the property of contamination would not be impeded by the proposed construction.

Herzfelder also recognized a number of residents' comments concerning the traffic burden the NET's project could create. She found, however, that the traffic trips generated by NET's proposal is anticipated to be fewer than those projected, and accepted, by the previous warehouse that was proposed for the site.

"I am satisfied that these issues and appropriate mitigation can be addressed during the federal, state, and local permitting processes," Herzfelder wrote. "Therefore, no further MEPA review is required."

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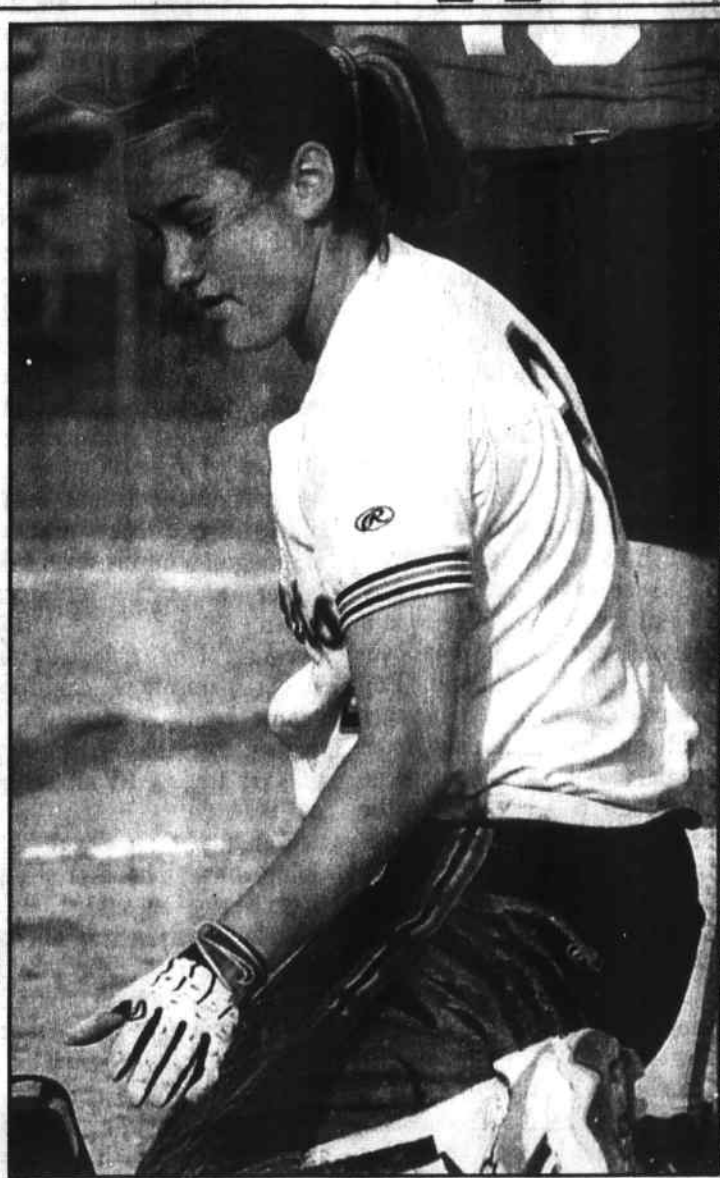
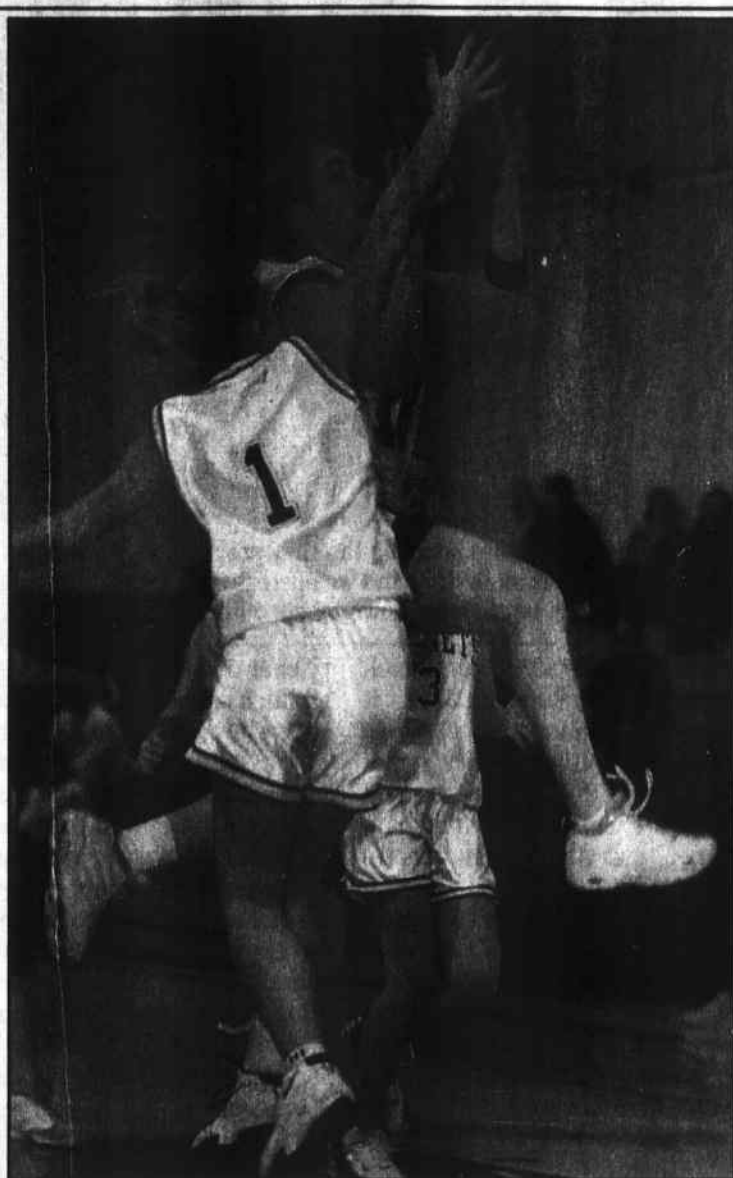
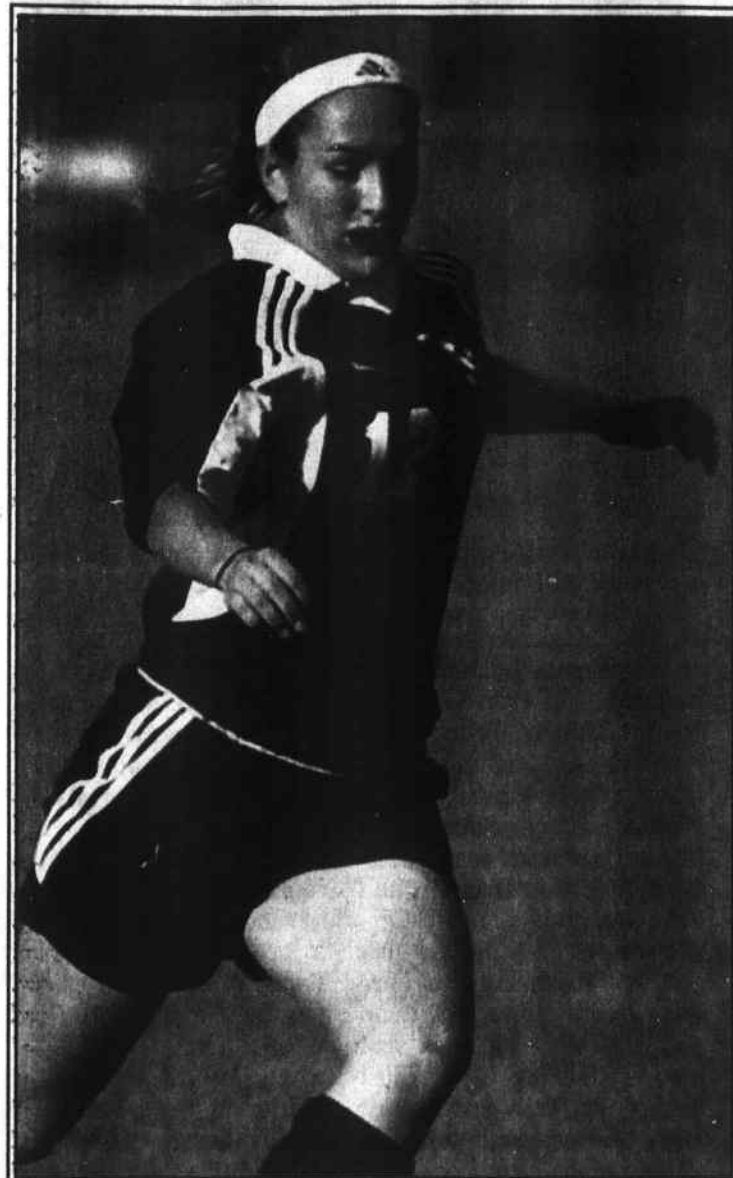
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Town Crier's Female Athlete of the Year: Lauren Rappoli



Wilmington High senior Lauren Rappoli is chosen as this year's Town Crier's Female Athlete of the Year. Rappoli finished off a calendar season playing soccer (left), basketball (middle) and softball (right).

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

To simplify things, it's very easy to figure out why Lauren Rappoli has been chosen at the Town Crier's tenth annual Female Athlete of the Year. In this past calendar season, she was part of two league championship teams, and helped the girls basketball team double its win total from four to eight.

On top of that in softball she proven just how athletic she really is. As a sophomore she led the entire league in hitting at .554 and was voted an all-conference selection as the best center fielder in the league.

This past spring, she was moved to catcher and despite battling an ankle injury which kept her out of a handful of games, she still batted over .400 and was voted to the all-star squad. This upcoming season, she'll be moved to her third position in as many seasons to shortstop and you can bet the accolades will continue for her.

In soccer she played the center midfield spot and was so critical in the team's success and certainly her heads up passing helped Debbie Lyons get an all-conference selection, and it helped Ashley Steenbruggen and many other players the chance to have countless number of scoring chances.

Rappoli was the sole reason why the Lady Cats went to a fourth-overtime, shoot-out in the second round of the state tournament against Wakefield as she netted all three goals in regulation.

In basketball she was the shooting guard on last year's team. She would normally end up between 8-12 points a game.

Lauren Rappoli easily has inherited a lot of athletic traits from her family. Her father, Rich was a tremendous pitcher growing up in Somerville and pitching for UMass-Amherst. Her uncle Jimmy was also a very good baseball player and athlete. Jimmy's son, David, played on several St. John's Prep state champion baseball teams and is now continuing his playing days at Bryant College. Lauren's brother Ryan also was an outstanding pitcher at WHS and dabbled through pitching in college. Her other brother Mark also played sports.

Certainly when you watch Lauren Rappoli you see how naturally her athleticism comes to her. You notice her outstanding moves, her incredible strength, her ability to

score in basketball or in soccer or the ability to smack a home-run in softball. It looks very easy when you watch her play. She has great poise and tremendous field vision. A lot of that comes through family and traditions set. However, a big portion of that has come from a student-athlete who instills great self pride to work that much harder, to become that much better which she has over the seasons and the years.

"My family is all about sports," she said. "Growing up I was always on a field. It didn't matter the sport but I was always on one. I always looked up to my brothers and my Dad was an athlete and I just wanted to keep that attitude of being able to do everything they did. Maybe that's why I started to play softball because they all played baseball and they would appreciate it more. I was always on a field. I actually can't picture my life without sports."

A Court Decision

Rappoli decided not to go out for the basketball team this season. She was a member of the team in each of the past three seasons. As a freshman and a sophomore, she played under former coach Bob Gillis who gave Rappoli a lot of freedom with the ball. During those seasons, she handled of games which she would pour in 20 or so points, while the team suffered with 4 and 5 win seasons.

Last year new coach Al Duffett took over and he moved Rappoli to the off-guard from the point guard position. While she didn't take as many shots, her job was to work the ball inside instead of coming up the floor and driving to the basket at will. The move made Rappoli a much better all-around player and a much more disciplined player. Although the stats decreased to 8-12 points a game, her assists picked up and so did the team's win total jumping from four to eight wins.

On the floor Rappoli was very smooth when she drove to the basket. She did it as well as probably any female basketball player since the days of Nancy Pote back in the mid 90s. Rappoli also saw the entire court very well and usually hit the open person with a nice heads up pass. The times she got in trouble was when she tried to do too much, which certainly happens with a lot of high school hoop players. But she doesn't have to worry about that this season as she elected

not to go out for the team.

"I play three sports and I think that I have a better shot of playing both softball and soccer in college," she said. "I wasn't going to play basketball in college and I really want to do the other two sports in college. I figured since I was going to do that, to take the season (of basketball) off and concentrate on softball (for this upcoming season). It just seemed like the time to give up a sport that I wasn't going to continue playing in college."

Diamond play a catch

For years and years and years, former Wildcat softball coach Paul Lyman would always come away from tryouts with a freshman who had tremendous potential. He would always find players like Laurie Southmayd, Pote, Leanne Harris, Catherine Townsend, Melissa Mather, Lisa Southmayd, Jackie Rubino and Shannon Fahey to name a few.

All of these players were taken under the wing of Lyman who was able to get everything he possible could out of each and every one of them. All of them besides Fahey (who is a senior this season along with Rappoli) continued their softball playing days in college, in all three divisions of play. Lauren Rappoli is no different. She fits perfectly into that mold of players. She has that intangible that all of those other players had. That softball intangible of the stance, the throwing style, the swing and just the softball walk. She had that as a freshman, just like all of those other players did.

Most of those former players have something in common with Rappoli besides the softball walk. All of them were tremendous athletes, who were terrific softball players and who did anything to help the team win. All of them were very versatile. Rappoli came in as a center fielder as a freshman and a lot like Harris, played Gold Glove style with that cannon of an arm which helped out the pitching staff and the team's overall defense tremendously.

After her sophomore season, Rappoli was moved to catcher and you wouldn't have noticed last year it was her first time behind the plate at the varsity level for the Wildcats. It appeared as if she just carried on the long legacy of the softball team having great catchers with Judy O'Connell, Lisa Southmayd and Rubino to name a few. Current head

coach Bob Surran made the move in just his second year at the helm of moving Rappoli behind the plate and he plans on moving her again to shortstop this spring.

"I think Lauren is one of the most talented players to ever go through the program," said Surran, whose daughter Amy went through the program, while he was also a huge avid fan of the proud program. "If she's healthy and if she's motivated, I really believe that not only will she play in a Division 1 college program, but she'll have a standout career there as well."

While Rappoli will most likely play center field when she gets to college, Surran saw something in her which drew his attention to turning her into a catcher for a season.

"She has such a quick release," he said. "She reminds me a lot of (former NFL quarterback) Dan Marino. When he would go back and pass, the next thing you know he had that quick release and the ball was a rocket to his receivers."

Rappoli did much more than an adequate job this past spring as a catcher. She had that golden arm and caught a strong majority of would be base stealers. At the plate she was moved to the lead-off spot at the start of the season and she struggled a bit, before she came on strong towards the end of the regular season pushing her average over the .400 mark. She helped the team finish as co-champions of the Cape Ann League with an overall record of 18-3 which included a second round loss to Triton Regional in the state tournament. But through those 21 games, she was part of 14 shutouts including pitcher Jackie Joyce's perfect game win over Triton in the regular season.

"Last year was such a great season," said Rappoli. "Jackie Joyce came on so much as a pitcher and she was the one who led us. Stacy (Comer) and Lauren (Crowley) kept the team together and were great leaders. We just worked really well together as a unit, the entire team. We have always worked together and we have proved that when you do that good things come out of it. I thought we held our own against everyone except Amesbury but Jackie really had so much to do with that."

Putting it all together For her first three years, Rappoli was a good all-around soccer player. She had great

ball control, did well on her passes, but didn't have the break-out season. She did this season. She played the center-midfield position and she helped the team finish with its first ever league title and a 13-5-2 overall record.

She was tabbed as an all-star selection during the regular season, but she really took off once the state tournament began. She scored or assisted on every single one of Wilmington's six state tournament goals, including assisting on all three in the win over Saugus, and scoring all three in the loss to Wakefield.

What she accomplished in the Wakefield game is something you don't see very often. Within 90 seconds, Wilmington trailed 2-0 to tie the game up at 2-2 just before the halftime whistle was blown. Rappoli scored the first goal on a nice dish ahead by Steenbruggen, and Rappoli deposited it to the low left hand corner.

About a minute later, she took a pass from Debbie Lyons. Rappoli outraced a defender to the ball but still had her right on her back for about 10-15 yards. As Rappoli came closer to the goal, she was letting the ball roll in front of her, while shifting her body in every direction. That forced to the Wakefield goalie to make a move and Rappoli tied the game up with a slow tap shot to the bottom right hand corner.

"Up until (I scored the first goal) we all had our heads down," she said. "After I got the first one everyone really picked it up and when I got the second one, everyone just went crazy. I don't think I've ever run so fast as I did to get that second goal."

Trailing 3-2 with 7 minutes to go in the game, Rappoli stole a goal kick, only to turn with a

defender tightly on her and unleash a rocket shot to the top corner to tie the game back up at three.

"That third goal I couldn't believe it went in," she said. "I just remember standing there and I just couldn't believe what had happened. I think there was seven minutes left in the game and I was around the 18' yard box."

"That game was so tough and so emotional. But it was also the most fun I've ever had in a game. There were more people at that game than I ever remember at any other game. It was such a rush with the people there, and it being a state tournament game and all of us wanting to keep the season going and advance as far as we could."

"The eight seniors we all knew the season was going to be over at sometime but we just all became such good friends. Of all of the teams I've been on, that one was the best because everyone got along so well and we just had so much fun."

During the soccer season, head coach Sue Hendee had plenty of nice things to say about Rappoli. "Lauren's style of play is just what we need. She stays composed, she keeps the ball on the ground and we have the tendency as a team of getting away from that. Lauren's been getting some excellent assists."

After watching what she did against Wakefield, Hendee was quite speechless.

"Lauren's awesome," said Hendee. "She's been awesome for us in both tournament games. She really came on during the last part of the season. She picked up the hat trick with three assists the other day and then the hat trick with three goals. That was great."

Female Athlete of the Year

2003	Lauren Rappoli
2002	Ashley Morgado
2001	Jackie Rubino
2000	Kim Gillespie
1999	Kristen Kacamburas
1998	Michelle McGonagle
1997	Melissa Mather
1996	Julie Gillis
1995	Leanne Harris
1994	Nancy Pote

Second part of series on retiring athletic director Jim Gillis

The 1977 baseball team highlights coaching career

*This is the second story of a four-part series on Wilmington High athletic director Jim Gillis who is retiring from his position on January 2nd. Last week we featured Gillis as an athlete in Wilmington and this week features Gillis as a coach. Next week the series will continue with Gillis as an athletic director, and will conclude the following week with a column.

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

In December of 1968, Jim Gillis graduated from Springfield College with a bachelor's degree in health, physical education and recreation. He knew right away what he wanted to do, and didn't waste much time doing it.

"I just loved the games and I loved working with kids in Wilmington," said Gillis. "To start off as a teacher and a coach I was very fortunate."

His coaching days actually began in 1963 when he was a big influence on the establishment of Wilmington Pop Warner. Then he was 18 years old and just graduated from high school. He knew that he wanted to stay within the capacity of Wilmington kids and do what so many people did for him: coach, teach and help him become a better person and a better athlete.

In 1968 his official coaching career in high school began when he was named the Burlington High freshmen football coach. That team went undefeated, including one game when he coached against Wilmington who had Jimmy's younger brother Eddie playing for it.

The following season he was added to the coaching staff at Wilmington High. He was named the varsity line coach for the football team under Fred Bellissimo. He served there for two seasons, in '69 and '70. The last team in 1970 were crowned the Merrimack Valley Champions after finishing the season undefeated including coaching another brother Dick as well as Wilmington's all-time best player Mike Esposito.

From there Gillis took on major chores and his coaching career really began to blossom. While he was employed as a physical education teacher at the high school, Gillis became the founder of the Wilmington High wrestling program which he was behind for nine years until it went varsity in 1980. Through the same nine

year period he was also the Merrimack Valley Conference hockey trainer and also served as Greater Lawrence's fall athletic trainer from 1972 to '78.

In 1971 he became the defensive line coach at Greater Lawrence Regional which included three undefeated seasons in '74, '75 and '76 as well as being a Division III Super Bowl finalist for the 1974 season. In addition he also served from 1970 to '79 as a coach in the Wilmington Recreational Basketball League. In 1971 he became the head varsity baseball coach at Austin Prep and served there until 1973 which included coaching a great shortstop named Paul Lyman, who Gillis would later hire as WHS softball coach who would guide that team to back-to-back state championship titles.

And throughout that entire time, he had been married and began a family, being the father of three children, Brian, Stacey and Julie. Between all of his time in various organizations and programs being a coach or a trainer, certainly Gillis kept an extremely difficult schedule.

"Coaching three sports and doing all of the other things wasn't easy," he said.

While he was getting his feet wet in coaching, especially in the game of football which he knew probably the most, Gillis said that he took a lot of lessons from his coaches.

"Fred Bellissimo was the coordinator and the disciplinarian," explained Gillis. "John Ritchie was the strategist. And Dick Kady was the line coach and we loved him."

Gillis said he tried to take something out of all three of them when he served as a football coach. Of his coaching days certainly the most games spent, the most time spent and collectively as a whole the most successful years were on the gridiron. He was part of three undefeated seasons at Greater Lawrence. He was the freshmen coach at Burlington and had an undefeated season. In 1970 he was part of the undefeated Wilmington High team.

Gillis came back to Wilmington in 1977 and served as defensive line coach for that season and in 1978 under Ritchie before he officially became the school's third athletic director in 1979. Three years before that he was named the WHS baseball coach taking over in 1973 and serving until 1979 which



The 1977 baseball team was the first program in Wilmington High sports history to capture an Eastern Mass crown. The team went onto the state final and was defeated by Drury. The team was coached by Jim Gillis (back left), the current athletic director who will be stepping down by his duties on January 2. (photo courtesy of the WHS Hall of Fame Committee)

included the 1977 team which went to the State Final. But it was coming back to Wilmington which was something Gillis always wanted and when it finally did happen, everything came together very nicely.

"I was the defensive coordinator at Greater Lawrence and their line coach," he said. "I came back to Wilmington with John Ritchie and we had some great kids. They were all different and that's what made coaching so much fun."

When Gillis came back as a football coach to Wilmington, he was with Ritchie and Ed Harrison among others. Both of them agreed just what kind of coach Gillis was.

"Jimmy was an excellent coach," said Harrison. "My brother John played for him in baseball in 1974 and he was a captain. John said that Jimmy was tough, but he was always well prepared and always had the kids in line. In football the year that Ritchie took over in 1978, Jimmy was there and he was the defensive coach and he was very good. He was enthused, he was emotional and he really got the kids really pumped up. He had the knack for getting kids excited for games. He had his own way of doing it, but he did it in a nice way."

Added Ritchie, "He was a good coach, a real good line coach for us," said Ritchie. "He was a good assistant coach and he did a nice job. I missed having him in 1979 because we had a pretty good team."

Harrison said that besides the ability to get the players all geared up for the upcoming game, Gillis was very good at many other things in the game of football, one in particular.

"Films," he said. "Jimmy was always very well organized but his film work was really extensive. It was very important to him and he was always prepared to win because of what he took from the films. I took a lot from many coaches I had or have encountered with whether it was Jimmy, Fred (Bellissimo) and even Bob Aylward. The way Jimmy did things with film reminds me a lot of Bobby Aylward and the way he did things. A lot of the ways we approached things in football, especially the films came from Jimmy."

The 1977 baseball season is something Jim Gillis and all of his players will always remember. For Gillis he was coming off the football season which was very successful and just a few months later when the weather was warmer, the diamond play started up and again a team he was associated with was very good.

Wilmington finished the season with a 20-5 record as well as being crowned the MVC Champions and the Eastern Mass. champions.

"We didn't have any superstars on that team," said ace

pitcher Jim Stewart. "We had a bunch of good players but no superstars. I thought we were an average team. Jimmy understood the need for fundamentals, the need for repetition and he always prepared us for every situation. I think all of that had a huge impact on us winning the Eastern Mass title. There was not one situation we saw in a game which we weren't prepared for. He understood that it was a team game and he was just very knowledgeable of the game, especially with fundamentals."

The season began with a 11-4 win over Lawrence, as the 'Cats played without star catcher Bob Woods who had a broken thumb. Pitcher Jim Stewart went the distance to pick up his first of many victories that season. He followed with a complete game shut out over Austin Prep, a 1-0 gem as he scored the lone run of the game on a RBI triple by Bruce Butters.

Wilmington ended up losing to Methuen, 3-1 as Frank Riley struck out 12 Wildcat batters to get the win. Then the 'Cats lost to Billerica and then Chelmsford, 6-5, in 8 innings which pushed the team's record to 4-4 overall. Wilmington trailed 4-2 after six innings against the Lions but Stewart belted a three-run homer, but Chelmsford tied it back up in the seventh and won the game on a balk call in the 8th inning.

"We started off very slowly," said Stewart. "But after that Chelmsford loss is when (Jimmy) grabbed the head and we took off from there. We were expected to do well in the Merrimack Valley Conference but no one thought we would do what we did. But I remember that bus ride home from Chelmsford and Jimmy read us the riot act. That was the turning point to the season, no doubt about it."

Wilmington went back on track picking up victories over Tewksbury (8-7), Lawrence (7-2), Chelmsford (3-2), Andover (7-2), Central Catholic (8-7), Austin Prep (17-4), Dracut (19-6), Tewksbury (10-6), Andover (10-6) and Billerica (8-1). During that stretch, Stewart tossed a no-hitter against Tewksbury, and Wilmington rolled to the Merrimack Valley Conference title thanks to winning 10 of its last 11 games after starting 4-4.

Before the state tournament began, Wilmington picked up a lot of hardware which only increased as the state tournament progressed. Stewart was selected the MVP of the MVC as he went 10-1 in the regular season with an ERA of 1.00 which included 67 strikeouts. At the plate he also batted .468. Bob Woods came back from his injury and he was named to the all-star team after batting .363. Rich Medeiros, Steve Woods and Butters were also honored by the league.

Other members of the team included: Bill Blaisdell, Tom Stewart, Randy Foster, Todd Richards, Art Sughruue, Brian Hurley, John Milano, Barry Phillips, Dave Sousa and Brian Tighe with team managers Scott O'Donnell and Fran Johnson.

"I will tell you that the 1961 and '62 baseball teams here were great but that 1977 team was the best we ever had here," said Gillis. "Things just worked out for us and we just knew we were going to win. I tell you though we were one of the biggest teams around. I think when some of those kids were down on one knee, they were at my eye level, that's how tall they were. Everyone contributed on that team. We had the best infield, we had a great outfield, a tremendous pitcher in Stewart and what a catcher we had in Bobby Woods. Boy did he have a gun for an arm."

In the state tournament, Wilmington picked up victories over Bourne (6-5), Holbrook (3-1), Dom Savio (7-6) and Bridgewater-Raynham (3-1) before losing to Drury in the state final, 5-2. The 4-1 record in the post-season gave the team a 20-5 overall record, while the 'Cats captured the first MVC to win a North sectional title since 1966 when Chelmsford did it, while that win also was the first of any sport in the history of WHS athletics.

After beating Bourne, Wilmington took on Holbrook in the second round of the tournament and came away with a 3-1 win. Stewart pitched a tremendous game and in the 9th inning he got himself into a jam as Holbrook loaded the bases with no outs. He was able to get out of it with a fly ball to center field but the throw home held the runner at third. Stewart then struck out the next batter.

The game then ended when a Holbrook batter laced a single to left field to score a run, but Butters threw to cut off man Medeiros, who then threw the ball to Foster at third who applied the tag on a runner who circled the bag too far and Wilmington came away with the dramatic victory.

The dramatics continued in their next game against Dom Savio. Savio led 2-1 until Bob Woods sent a 420-foot home run over the center field fence giving the 'Cats a 3-2 lead. Savio scored four runs in the seventh, only to see Wilmington do the same in the home half led by a two-run double by Stewart, and a bases loaded single by Butters which scored Foster with the game winning run.

On came Bridgewater-Raynham for the Eastern Mass title. Stewart pitched probably his best game of the season going the distance to win his third state tournament game. He tossed a two-hitter which included striking out nine, improving him 13-1 on

the season. Steve Woods had a huge day at the plate going 4-for-5 with a double and three singles. Butters also had a big two run single in the first inning.

Two defensive plays were the reason why Wilmington advanced. Tom Stewart made a great throw to home to Bobby Woods who applied the tag on runner Bob Doherty. Woods again came up "big" when he picked off Bill Poirier at third base as BR tried a double steal.

"I had this thing with Bobby and if runners were on I would yell out 'Bobby you got a great arm so if he goes go get him' but if I said that and clinched my fist that meant he would try to pick off the runner and that's what happened on that play," explained Gillis. "We had some great kids on that team. They always had the attitude that they were going to score and win no matter when."

Then came the state final against Drury on a Thursday afternoon in Chicopee, Mass. Drury went with left-handed junkball specialist Jerry Sprague who seemed to give Wilmington problems. He was throwing curve balls, change-ups and even eupheus pitches which caught the batters off guard.

Wilmington ended up hanging out ten hits but couldn't get the timely one. In the last innings Wilmington scored both of its runs and had two runners on but a line out to shortstop ended the game. Defensively though the 'Cats made seven errors which led to all five runs being unearned.

Besides leaving runners on base and making the critical errors, the game took a strange turn early on when the home plate umpire gave Wilmington two warnings for unsportsmanlike conduct. Gillis said that his team was just loud when cheering on its players. But one member of the team, Todd Richards, remarked to Mike Galli wondering if his bat was bigger than the Drury right fielder which got one of two warnings.

"Jimmy was my coach for three years and I really think he was a great coach," said Stewart. "We were just very fundamentally sound. We didn't have trick plays or anything but we ran a lot. There was always something happening whether it was steals, delayed steals or pick-off plays or something. We learned a lot and it wasn't just hitting, pitching and fielding. I don't think kids today get that kind of coaching that we got at any level. I know a lot of the stuff I learned from Jimmy, I use when I coach youth sports."

Gillis turned the tide and said that team was more than average.

"It was the best baseball team I've ever seen here between pitching, hitting and fielding," said Gillis.

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The Wilmington High boys hockey team opens its season tonight against North Andover. The team will be led by captain Andy Berian (left) and assistant captains Dave DeMango (middle) and Joe Giordano (right). (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

Wildcats look to put it all together

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Last year the team was made up of mostly freshmen and sophomores and they ended up picking up 10 victories and had a pretty successful season. This year the same can be said about the Wilmington High boys hockey team that the roster is very young, but head coach Steve Scanlon knows that talent is there, it's just a matter of several things coming together.

"There's not one easy night on our schedule," said Scanlon, now in his 13th season as head coach. "I think it's going to depend on leadership, discipline and whether or not the kids want to get better."

Last year's team finished with a 10-10-3 overall record, which included a 7-6-1 mark in the Cape Ann League and a first round state tournament loss to Pentucket. This year the Cape Ann League has combined with the Northeastern Conference, mostly for the small schools in each division can have more parity. The 'Cats don't cross over with any games in that conference, but have picked up additional league games with Pentucket and Lynnfield, while they don't play Rockport or Hamilton-Wenham which were two cake walk victories.

"Lynnfield I think could have its best team ever," said Scanlon. "And Pentucket had 18 straight wins last year so those two teams I think will be the toughest. I think Triton, Amesbury, Masco and Wilmington will be right in the mix in the top division (with Lynnfield and Pentucket ahead) and North Reading should be tough in that smaller conference. We also have the Haverhill Christmas tournament with Central and then maybe Andover, and then we have the Newburyport tournament and we're in a group with Triton, Andover and Danvers. It's not going to be easy."

Scanlon believes there's two huge keys for the team to be suc-

cessful this season. The first is the play in the defensive end which he said has really struggled through the pre-season. The second is discipline, staying out of the penalty box which became a problem last year.

"We've been struggling through the pre-season," he said. "Even though we were very young last year we're still young this year and we're making the immature mistakes. The kids are still coming into their bodies. We've struggled in our own end especially getting the puck out and cleaning up in front of the net. I think our first line, who were very potent last year combining for almost 150 points, could be a 200-point line if they stay out of the penalty box. All of them have great hands and they are physical and strong but they have to stay out of the box."

That top trio of Tony Resendes (48 points), Edzo Tucker (44) and DeMango (35) combined for 127 points finished first, third and fifth in the league in scoring last year. Resendes had a dynamite freshman season and can do a lot of things not too many players over the years can do with the puck or just skating wise. Tucker really came on last year with his overall play, and DeMango is more of the physical player who does a great job of being a playmaker.

The second forward line will consist of Mark Pickett centering Joe Giordano and Zack Wilkins on the right. Scanlon said that Wilkins has looked extremely good in pre-season. Steve Stokes, Dave Griffin and freshman George Boudreau make up the third line. Mike Fay, Dan Tobin and Tom Blaisdell are the fourth trio up front.

"We still have ways to go," said Scanlon. "Forechecking is an issue right now. We have some

players who don't want to do it. We're hoping to get more offense especially from the second and third lines. Wilkins has looked real strong in pre-season and I like what I see from the Boudreau kid. Griffin and Stokes saw a lot of time last year so they should be a lot better."

Defensively the team has Derek Montalto and Ray Bennett as the first tandem with Scott Dunnett and Dan Delrossi as the second set. Bryant Buck and Billy Schultes make up the third blue line group.

In the net will be the team's captain Andy Berian, who will be backed up by juniors Mike Thibault and Tim Anderson.

"Andy should be one of the strongest goalies in the league," said Scanlon. "When he stays on his feet and challenges the shooters he is a very good goaltender. But when he's on all fours, flopping around is when he gets in trouble. When he tries to be too flashy he gets in trouble. But when he's on his feet, he's very tough to beat."

Boys Hockey Schedule

12/17	at N. Andover	8:00
12/20	vs Newburyport	2:30
12/27	at Hav. vs CC	TBA
12/29	at Hav vs TBA	TBA
1/3	vs Masconomet	3:30
1/8	at Pentucket	7:00
1/10	vs Amesbury	7:00
1/12	at Tewksbury	3:00
1/15	at Nauset	6:00
1/17	vs Lynnfield	3:30
1/19	at N. Reading	7:00
1/21	at Triton	6:00
1/24	vs N. Andover	3:30
1/29	at Newburyport	7:00
1/31	vs Triton	2:30
2/4	at Masconomet	7:00
2/7	vs Pentucket	3:30
2/11	at Amesbury	7:00
2/14	vs Nauset	1:20
2/16	at New vs And	2:00
2/18	at Lynnfield	6:00
2/19	at New Tour	TBA

Optimism surrounds girls hockey team

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Over the past few years, Wilmington High girls' hockey coach Joe McMahon has always been very optimistic about his team, the players and the program. This season it seems like the optimism surrounds him as if it's his cologne.

McMahon and his assistants are now in their fourth season establishing the program. Last year the team officially was bumped up to varsity level after spending two seasons as a club team. The first few years was the beginning stages and now it seems like the team not only has some much improved players, but could be a force to be reckoned with.

"We're going to be a fun team to watch," said McMahon. "I thought the attitude of the team really jelled at the mid point of last year and it has carried over to the first practice this season. We missed the state tournament by two points last season and that's our goal this year is to get into the tournament."

With a very strong nucleus of players returning, as well as the addition of three strong skaters from North Reading, this could be an interesting season for the team.

"I think the players from North Reading are going to be an asset for the team," he said. "Since day one they have fit in perfectly. We have three girls who are give the opportunity to skate where otherwise they wouldn't have been able to do that."

McMahon said that WHS Athletic Director Jim Gillis and North Reading athletic director Roy Condon got together to see if several Hornet players could merge onto Wilmington because NRHS doesn't offer girls' hockey. Both athletic directors got together went over the plan with McMahon and also got a two-year waiver through the MIAA where the three girls could play along side the Wildcat players.

McMahon said that he didn't cut any players, especially Wilmington players for the North Reading skaters, and this

only helps the program.

The other major help to the team is having Rachele See back. She didn't come out for the team as a junior and now she's back as a senior and she's a very strong skater and goal scorer which is something the team lacked the past year or two.

"I like the hustle and the backchecking I've seen so far," said McMahon. "We have five or six players this year who we can use both offensively and defensively and that's something we've never had before. The other night in the jamboree our first shift we had six shots on net and we never had that kind of offensive pressure before. We have a lot of weapons this year."

"The defense has always been there but we struggled penetrating into the offensive zone. We have a very good team."

The team has been led the past two years because of its defense. Goaltender Julie Martell really came along way the past two years and McMahon said she even looks that much better this season. She'll be back inbetween the posts, as will defenseman Jen Corcoran, a tri-captain, who has been the heart-and-soul of the team the past few years. Joining her will be Lauren Heenan, Christine Barry, Colleen Magee, Christina Roux and Melissa Binachi of North Reading.

"I don't know if Julie will see much action because of what's in front of her," said McMahon. "We scrimmaged Cambridge and they didn't get one single shot on us."

McMahon said he is still juggling the forward lines but right now he has Rachele See with tri-captain Tiffany Zolt and Alison Powers of North Reading as a trio. See has the skating ability and the offensive capabilities to make a lot of things happen, but Zolt is a very good play-maker and McMahon said all three girls from North Reading are solid players, thus the first line should be pretty potent.

Maria Tucker was the team's offensive star last year and McMahon said she has improved

greatly from last year. She'll be on the second line with Kaitlyn Lynch, another good skater who was moved up from defense a year ago, and Jessica Sciolio of North Reading. Jackie Moran, Katie Martell and Erin Magee are all veterans and they make up a third line which gives the team pretty good depth.

Tri-captain Jillian Abell along with Brittany Zolt, Amber Warnick, Kerri Porter and Stephanie Sgoi are the rest of the forwards.

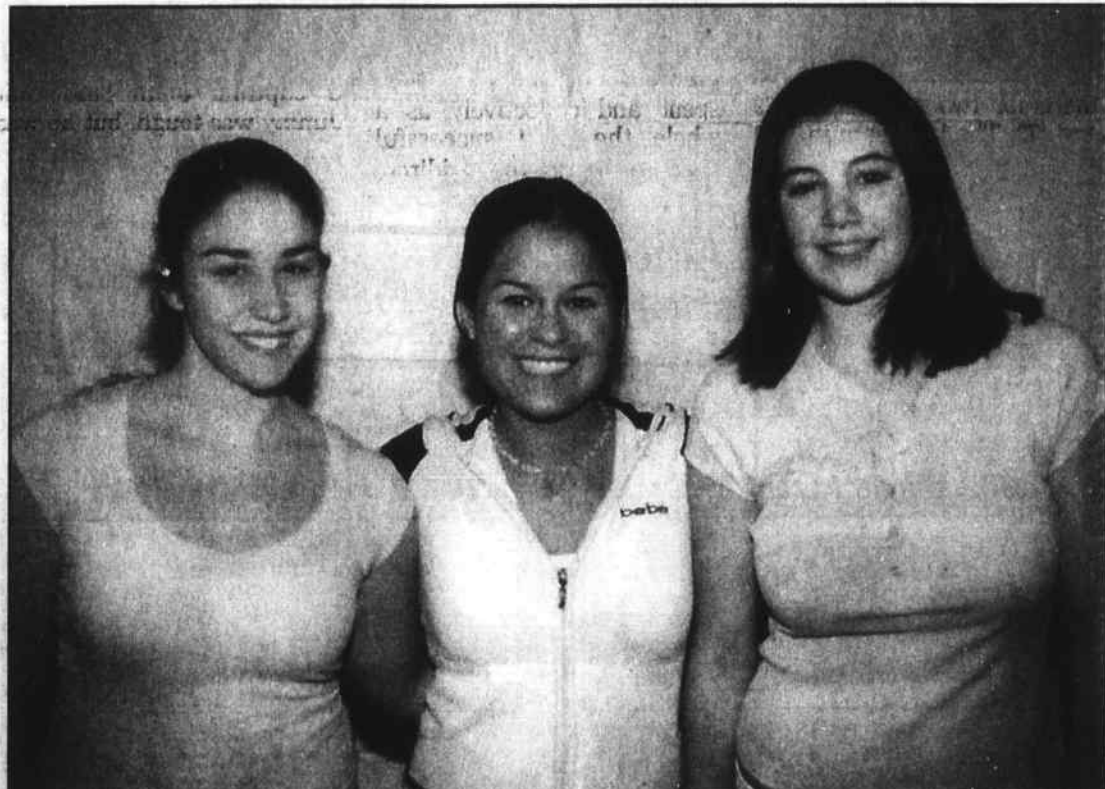
McMahon said he doesn't want to get ahead of himself but he loves what he sees right now and owes a lot of that credit to Gillis.

"If the team goes where I think it can, the credit goes to Jimmy," said McMahon. "He has done an incredible job with this program."

The team opens its season with two road games this week facing Waltham on Wednesday night, followed by a trip to face Masconomet on Saturday at 9:00 pm. Wilmington plays in the North Cape League along with those two teams and Gloucester, Billerica, Chelmsford, Marblehead and Cambridge. Wilmington has 8 of its 20 games at home this season including the first one on Saturday, December 27th against Marblehead beginning at 3:30.

Girls Hockey Schedule

12/17	at Waltham	7:00
12/20	at Masconomet	9:00
12/27	vs Marblehead	3:30
12/31	at Gloucester	10:00
1/3	vs Billerica	5:40
1/7	vs Chelmsford	7:20
1/9	at Cambridge	4:00
1/16	at Marblehead	7:30
1/17	at St. Mary's	8:00
1/19	vs Waltham	2:30
1/21	at Lexington	8:15
1/24	at MV Tourney	TBA
1/25	at MV Tourney	TBA
1/28	vs Gloucester	7:30
1/31	at Billerica	7:00
2/4	at Chelmsford	4:30
2/7	vs Cambridge	5:40
2/11	at Burlington	3:00
2/14	vs St. Bernard's	3:30
2/18	vs Quincy	11:40
2/19	vs Masconomet	12:15



The Wilmington High girls hockey team will be led by tri-captains (from left) Tiffany Zolt, Jillian Abell and Jen Corcoran. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

Wrestlers to host annual tourney on Saturday

The Wilmington High wrestling team opened up its season with a tri-meet this past Saturday, and they came away winning one of the three meets. Wilmington defeated Lynnfield, 42-27, and lost to Quabbin Regional 60-18 and Weston, 52-28. Dave Paris and Tim Sughrue were both 3-0 on the day.

"Both Weston and Quabbin are very good teams," said coach Mike Pimental. "But we had some good performances."

On Saturday the 'Cats will host the 17th annual Sons of Italy tournament featuring 12-teams including powerhouses Weston, Shawshen Tech and Dracut. Wrestling begins at 10:00 am with semi-finals scheduled for noon and the finals scheduled for 7:00 pm.

"It'll probably be the toughest tournament we've had here," said Pimental. "There are so many tough teams."

Also, Roman Walsh, who was a state champion last year for the 'Cats, and is now wrestling at WPI, was named to the All-American Academic wrestling team for his accomplishments senior at WHS. He was one of 80 students in the country to win the award and just one of two in all of Massachusetts.

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Girls Hoop opens with 'W'

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The Wilmington High girls' basketball team got off to a strong start winning its first game of the season over Triton Regional, 44-32, on the road on Tuesday night. Head coach Al Duffett was thrilled with the victory but he also realizes there's still some major work to do.

"We got the ball inside but we missed a lot of bunnies," he said. "But it was a good game for us and a good win for us. Our turnovers were down, I thought our defense did a nice job as we changed from a 3-2 zone to man-to-man and everyone contributed which was nice. I know we're young and inexperienced and we're going to take some lumps, but we kept it together. We went 11-for-19 from the free throw line which is a lot better than last year. It

was a good way to start and I'm happy."

Duffett added that junior point guard Lani Cabral-Pini played a tremendous game, which included ending the night with 9 points which was second best on the team behind senior Bryanna Moroney's 16.

"I thought it was the best game I've seen Lani play in the year plus," said Duffett. "We had a lot of good things happen. Once we changed to man-to-man, we had Meghan Godding cover their strong outside shooter Kerry Stokes. After we changed up, Stokes had just two points against us and I thought Meghan did an outstanding job of shutting her down. Ryan Murphy came off the bench and did a great job. She did a great job on defense and grabbed some big rebounds."

Moroney led the way with the

16 points and she also added 14 rebounds including seven at each end. She was a strong defender as well picking up six steals.

"Bryanna struggled offensively missing some shots but she was huge in many other areas with the rebounds and steals," said Duffett.

Murphy ended the game with six points off the bench, while, freshman Ashley Vitale had five points and Godding chipped in with four.

Wilmington has a busy week upcoming. On Thursday they will host a very good Tewksbury team for its home opener beginning at 7:00 pm. The following night they travel to Manchester with tip-off scheduled for 6:30. On Tuesday they face North Andover at home, and the Knights are always a contender in the Cape Ann League.

Ipswich edges out Boys track team

By SIOBHAN L. WALSH
Sports Correspondent

After finishing within four points of Wilmington the past two years, the Ipswich Boys' Indoor Track team showed that the third time is a charm as they edged out the 'Cats 46-40 in the Cape Ann League opening meet held on Saturday.

"Things didn't go quite as well as we would have liked," said Wilmington boys coach Bob Cripps. "Unfortunately, we were not able to build up enough of a lead, and the meet came down to the relay."

Which Wilmington uncharacteristically lost.

The event has long been a strength of the Wilmington team, but on this day Ipswich opened with an early lead. Despite spirited efforts by captains Shayne Gaffney and Brian Schell, Wilmington failed to close the gap. Still, while the final score no doubt tugged at the Wilmington boys, there was much to be excited about in the team's opening meet.

In the distance events, Wilmington proved that despite the loss of Dan Vassallo to graduation, they remain a competitive, solid team. In the 2-mile, senior Todd Chen easily outdistanced the competition, crossing the finish line in 12:04 to nab five first place points for the Wildcats. Meanwhile teammate Sam Oglesby claimed third place in the event in 14:04. In the mile, junior and defending Cape Ann League Mile Champion Chris Murray ran an excellent race, finishing in 4:55 and beating his nearest competitor by almost 30 seconds, as he qualified for the State meet later in the season.

"[Chris] took up where he left off last year, and served notice to the League that he is a force to be reckoned with," said Cripps.

Indeed, he seems to have proven that he is not willing to relinquish his title any time in the near future. Teammate Alex Chalmers finished third for the 'Cats in the mile in 5:29.

Senior captain Shayne Gaffney was taken out of the mile and into the 1,000 meters reaped early dividends. Gaffney won the event solidly in 2:38, while teammate P.J. Russo wasn't far behind at 2:43. The move thereby maximized the points earned by Wilmington and should work to the team's advantage in future meets. In the 600, Brian Schell led the Wilmington charge, as he won the race in a State qualifying time of 1:22.2. Teammate Dennis Robillard wasn't far behind at 1:28, a time that earned the senior third place points for Wilmington.

In the sprints, Wilmington again showed their weakness, grabbing only third place finishes in the both the 50 yard dash and hurdles by junior Jared Miller and senior Eric Pelletier, respectively.

"Pelletier will be doing substantially better as the season goes on," said Cripps. "The hurdles were a bit of a disappointment, but looked better than the score [might indicate]. Both Victor Dellisola and Matt Marden ran in the race for the first time and had some trouble with the blocks. That was a rookie thing though, and will not happen again. We will certainly get better [in the sprints]."

Meanwhile, the team did receive one sprinting boost, in the form of a surprise first place finish by Brian Giamberardino in the 300. Giamberardino had been practicing in the hurdles, but Cripps needed him in the 300. Unfortunately, he was the only Wilmington runner to earn more than a point in any sprinting event.

Perhaps, the most encouraging signs in the meet though came from the fielding events. Dave Celli and Joe Cairra finished an unexpected first and second in the shot-put respectively to earn key points for the 'Cats. Meanwhile in the high jump, Wilmington's three new high jumpers Chris Calazzo, Chris Johnson and Matt Marden all cleared 4'10," to earn a third place finish for the Wilmington team.

Wilmington went into the relay trailing by a point, but couldn't overcome Ipswich's speed, thus costing the Wildcats the meet. Still, Cripps knows that there is more to be excited about than disappointed in, as his team proved what he predicted early on, "No one can take [the Wilmington boys team] for granted."



Wilmington High senior Zack Mitzan scored 24 points to lead the Wildcat boys hoop team to a season opening win over Triton Regional on Tuesday night. (photo by George Lucuzzi).

'Cats roll past Vikings in season opener

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The two-time Cape Ann League champion Wilmington High boys basketball team opened up its 2003-'04 season right where they left off last year with a 70-33 trouncing over Triton Regional held Tuesday night at Larry Cushing gymnasium.

The 'Cats were led by senior Zack Mitzan who poured in 24 points despite coming out with 11 minutes to go in the game. Sophomore Joe Herra was the second player to end up in double figures as he ended up with 13. Eric Olilla also continued with 9 points.

Wilmington jumped out to a 17-0 lead through the first eight minutes of the game and didn't allow a Triton basket until Will Fogarty lofted a high shot from the baseline for the team's first two points coming with 7:55 to go in the first half.

The 'Cats cruised from there as they built a 33-14 lead into half-time, and then after the first few minutes of the second half, coach Jim McCune emptied his bench and the Wildcats rolled to the 37-point victory.

"It was a good way to start," said McCune. "We still have room to grow. The big thing with us is I said coming in that defense and rebounding will be the keys for us

and we're going to hang our hats on that. I'd like to see us be a little more under control offensively."

"This was good. We played our first game at home and we got everyone involved and we came away with the win. A lot of kids did a nice job."

After a Joe Herra three-pointer from the right wing, Wilmington got off to the strong start mostly on free throws although Mitzan scored a nice drive on a beautiful give-and-go with Mike Kelley.

Leading 22-6, Herra drained a shot and followed with a three-pointer which really opened the doors giving the 'Cats a very commanding 27-6 lead with 3:19 to go in the first half.

About 90 seconds into the second half, the crowd got a lift when Mitzan went in a lone and slammed home two of his points on the night as he showed off his leaping abilities.

Thereafter, he and most of the starters took a rest and the guys off the bench supplied plenty of energy. Clayton Huynh had his first four points in a varsity uniform, while, Brian Cairra drained his first varsity trey. Brennan Jones also chipped in with his first three varsity points.

Wilmington will host Manchester on Friday night beginning at 7:00.

Girls track falls to Ipswich, 53-33

By SIOBHAN L. WALSH
Sports Correspondent

After losing key members from last year, the WHS girls indoor track team will rely largely on their young talent to fill some of the holes. But that might take a while before it comes into fruition. On Saturday, the 'Cats were defeated by Ipswich, 53-33, in the league opening meet.

"Ipswich is usually the top one or two teams in the [Cape Ann] league," said coach Tom Bradley. "I thought we'd have a tough time, and we did. I'm glad to get that one over with and get up and running."

Sophomore and defending 50 meters Cape Ann League champion Jackie Mello achieved the top performance of the day for the Wildcats, winning her signature event in 6.4 seconds.

Teammate Debbie Lyons claimed another first place finish for the Lady 'Cats, a feat that she accomplished in style. Lyons won the 50 meter hurdles in 8.2 seconds, and, in doing so, squashed her previous personal best while simultaneously qualifying for the States in the event.

In the mid-distance events, seniors Melissa Marques and Allison Flynn did quite well. Captain Marques won the 1,000 at 3:15. Flynn finished second in the 600 at 1:39, a time that will qualify the senior to run in the State meet at the end of the season. Although Flynn qualified for the 600 meters toward the end of last season, Bradley viewed the senior's performance as a boost for his team.

"She seems to be in very good shape this season, and hasn't had any trouble with the workouts, said Bradley. "She certainly been

a pleasant surprise early in the season."

In the 300, senior co-captain Katherine Chin finished 2nd in a time of 41.8 seconds, a time that will qualify her for the State meet in the respective event.

As expected, the distance events was where Wilmington most felt the loss of last year's graduating seniors. Liz Petti-grew and Katherine McMahon finished second and third in the two mile respectively, but Bradley felt that the distance times will have to improve if the team is to remain competitive throughout the duration of the season. In the mile, Jennifer Loranger finished third in 6:47.

"We did better in the short races than in the long," said Bradley. "To win some meets, we're going to have to do better in the mile and 2 mile, [in order to pick up key points]."

Debbie Lyons finished second in the shot-put with a qualifying throw of 31 feet 11 inches. Meanwhile, sophomore Nadia Prinivali threw 26 feet.

"I will be surprised if she doesn't get to 29 feet (the state qualifying mark) by the end of the season," said Bradley. "Shot-put will win up being a [team] strength before, the season is over."

Wilmington didn't do all that well in the field events, as Alicia Braid was out with an illness and she was missed.

"The field events were definitely a weakness," said Bradley. "We only got a third place in the high jump, and I would expect that in most meets we're going to do much better than third place. I'm sure we're going to win some meets along the way"

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Pee Wee A's, Mite A's continue competitive play

Last Sunday in Malden, the Wilmington Pee Wee B and Agawam A's treated their fans to a hockey battle waged in the way the sport was meant to be played fast-paced and with high-energy. The only problem for the Wilmington fans was that they had to see their budding heroes in the youth large equipment end up on the short end of a 3-2 score that could have easily gone either way.

But the upstart, fifth-place Wildcats (1-2-1) gave the undefeated first-place Agawam A team (2-0-2) the scare of their season by holding the lead until late in the second period, and then only giving it up with 2:29 to go in the game.

Both teams took to the ice with a sense of urgency right from the beginning, and never let up until the end. It was tired legs and a fluke goal that may have made the difference as to who was going to score last and win the game.

Agawam got on top in the latter half of first period when a hasty shot from outside in the slot bounced off of the pads of a quick-reacting Pat Young.

Unfortunately, Agawam got to the rebound first and put it in for the 1-0 lead.

It didn't take Wilmington but three minutes or so though to tie it up, when David Mello, bringing the puck over the blue line into the center of Agawam's zone, passed it left to Brian Coutu. Coutu advanced up the left side and returned the courtesy with a pass right back to Mello, who was able to flip it by the confused Agawam defense.

Wildcats Matt Lariffarello, Kyle Gaffey, Justin Rivera and Cole Carter spent time and energy early in the second period keeping Agawam off the board by killing a tripping penalty to allow time for the B's offense to strike again. They did, just 26 seconds later on a hot shot through the five hole by Sean Sullivan that gave Wilmington its first and only lead of the day at 2-1.

For the rest of the period, defensemen Kevin Barry, Justin Rivera, Jared Hayes, John Malone and Kyle Gaffey held the fort while the Cats, forwards Pat Boudreau, Sean

Tavares, John Moriarty, Brendan O'Brien and company hustled to increase the lead. Malone also made a couple of fine offensive-minded runs up the ice that were stopped by Agawam.

It took a fluke goal late in the period for Agawam to tie it up. With 20 seconds left, Agawam lofted an outside shot high of the net, which netminder Pat Young instinctively reached out to glove. The shot tipped the top of his glove and unbelievably toppled down into the net to give Agawam a gift goal and even-up game.

Into the third, the energy never stopped, and both teams made runs at taking the lead with some puck control work in its opponent's end, but neither scored. Wildcat goalie Pat Young would go on to have eight saves in the period to keep Wilmington's hopes alive. With 2:29 to go and tired legs everywhere, Agawam managed a rebound goal that just beat the Wilmington defense and gave them the narrow and exhausting 3-2 win.

Mite A's continue to improve

The constantly improving Wilmington Wildcat Mite B team recently took their road show through the snow to the Hallenborg Arena in Billerica to take on the Billerica Indians Mites in a Valley League contest. The squad didn't disappoint as it took out its frustrations of the tough commute thru the snow on the home team.

The Cats took control right from the opening faceoff and destroyed the Indians by in convincing fashion 10-1. It was a total team effort for the Wildcats as Drew Babine had the hat trick and 6 others also chipped in with goals. Stevie Ciampa, Brooks Carter, Mark Albano, Mike Curtis, Chris Sartori, and Pat Brazell all lit the lamp. Every skater on the squad had at least one point in this one as Michelle Alonardo, Brendan Benoit, Cody McGowan and Maryanna Dirupo among others, all contributed at least one assist. Also, Jake Russell was superb

in the net when he had to be by stopping everything Billerica threw at him until the last minute of the game when he lost his shutout on a bad bounce of the puck.

Three days later the Wildcat Mite B team traveled to Hockeystown in Saugus in a Dual State League encounter with the Nashoba Mite B team. The Cats were victorious again as they came out on the right side of the 2-0 final. This was another miserable commute for both teams, as it came at the tail end of the blizzard of '04 last week. Kudos go out to the Nashoba squad for showing up on time for this one.

This was a fierce battle from the outset as both teams went at each other hard the whole way. The Wildcats broke the ice late in the 1st period on a pretty goal by Michelle Alonardo. After Maryanna Dirupo sent the puck into the Nashoba corner, Stevie Ciampa barreled in and beat the defenseman to the puck then set Michelle up with a nice feed in front of the net. She fired it home for a 1-0 lead

and that actually proved to be the game winner.

There was plenty of action in this one though as Wilmington goalie Chris Sartori had to stand on his head at times to preserve the 1-0 lead. Not to be out done, the Nashoba goalie was immense as the Cats peppered him with numerous quality shots on net but couldn't get another one by him until late in the 2nd period when Jake Russell finally scored assisted by Cody McGowan and Brendan Benoit.

The 3rd period was a continuation of the up and down play with both teams being repeatedly thwarted by the opposing goalie. Chris Sartori made many remarkable saves down the stretch to preserve the 2-0 shutout for the Wildcats. Aside from the above mentioned players, the Cats got strong play from Mark Albano, Drew Babine, Pat Brazell, Brooks Carter, and Mike Curtis.

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Notice is hereby given to Edward Isberg of, 15 Sheraton Rd. in Wilmington, Mass. Who is the last registered owner of a 1996 Chev. Blazer Vin number IGNDT13W65218818 that this vehicle will be sold at auction on or about December 26, 2003 at A&S Towing Inc, 600 Main Street, Wilmington, MA. The vehicle will be auctioned to recover towing and storage charges that are past due.

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON



BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on January 5, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 1-2004 Jordan V. Ally Map 48 Parcel 45

Seeking a determination under sect. 6.1.2.1 of the Wilmington Zoning Bylaw that a proposed alteration to a nonconforming structure does not increase any portion of the nonconforming nature of the existing structure (existing lot has insufficient area, front and side yard setback-proposing to remove existing 8'x8' sunroom and construct a 8'x14' sunroom meeting the rear yard setback) for property located on 5 Morse Avenue.

Case 2A&B-2004 Priscilla A. Mickle Map 43 Parcel 13A

A. Seeking a determination under sect. 6.1.2.1 of the Wilmington Zoning Bylaw that a proposed alteration to a nonconforming structure does not increase any portion of the nonconforming nature of the existing structure (existing dwelling is within the front yard setback-proposing an addition meeting the setback requirements) AND

B. A Special Permit for an Accessory Apartment for property located on 18 Stone Street.

Case 3-2004 Henry O. Silsbee IV Map 31 Parcel 26

Seeking a determination under sect. 6.1.2.1 of the Wilmington Zoning Bylaw that a proposed alteration to a nonconforming structure does not increase any portion of the nonconforming nature of the existing structure (existing dwelling has insufficient front and side yard setbacks-proposing an addition meeting the rear yard setback) for property located on 11 Shawheen Avenue.

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LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Francis J. Mearls, Jr. to First Eastern Mortgage Corporation, dated January 26, 2001 and recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 11330, Page 296 of which mortgage Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-B, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2001-B, without recourse is the present holder by assignment, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 20 Grand Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts will be sold at a Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on January 8, 2004, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

The land in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Ma. being lots numbered thirty five (35), thirty six (36), thirty seven (37), thirty eight (38), thirty nine (39), forty (40), forty one (41), forty two (42), forty three (43), forty four (44), forty five (45), forty six (46), on a plan of land known as Independent Park, by Dana F. Perkins, Civil Engineer, May 12, 1917, and recorded with Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 34, Plan 44.

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Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee for registered Holders of Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-B, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2001-B, without recourse, present holder of said mortgage, its attorney Sanjit S. Korde Korde & Associates, P.C. 201 Chelmsford Street Chelmsford, Ma 01824 (978) 256-1500

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC



WORKS WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION MWRA I/I LOCAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROJECT NUMBER WRA-P-40-3-338

Sealed bids for the Sewer System Rehabilitation will be addressed to Michael A. Cairra, Town Manager, and received at the Town Manager's Office, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts until 10:00 A.M., prevailing time, January 14, 2004 and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work may consist of, but is not limited to, providing all materials, equipment, labor and supervision for sanitary sewer pipeline cleaning, pre-and-post rehabilitation closed circuit TV inspection, manhole rehabilitation, sewer pipeline rehabilitation utilizing the following technologies (CIPPL, fold and form pipe liners, spot liners, testing and sealing pipe joints and point repairs), and associated work, complete with all other appurtenances and related work required to complete the project.

The term of this contract is three-years, renewable at the end of each year. At present, funding

for the first year of this contract has been appropriated. The work assignment for the first year of this contract, as described in section 01010-Summary of Work, consists of: cleaning and in-line closed circuit televising of approximately 16,000 linear feet of four inch through twenty-one inch sanitary sewer pipe, pipeline joint testing and sealing; one-cured-in place spot repair; and manhole cleaning and rehabilitation. It is anticipated that the value of the first year of the contract will be approximately \$150,000, and the total value of the contract will be approximately \$600,000. This value is provided for information purposes and by no means should be interpreted to represent a guarantee. The Town of Wilmington (Owner) reserves the right to allocate funds as they see fit. The Bidder should be aware that quantities presented in the Bid Form are estimates only, and are for the sole purpose of establishing unit bid prices, which shall be used throughout the duration of the contract. If the contractor proposes to use an escalation factor for subsequent years, it shall be stated on the Bid Form. The summation of the itemized costs for items, 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 21 will be the total base bid for this project, and the Owner will award the contract to the lowest responsible and qualified bidder using the total sum bid price for those items.

The Owner will reserve the right to terminate the contract in accordance with the termination clause of the General Conditions of the contract.

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Pee Wee IV's busy with two games in one day

The Wilmington Pee Wee 4 team had two games on Sunday. Both games were played in Methuen. The first game was a Valley League game against the N.S. Junior Maples 2. The second game was a Dual State game against Tewksbury 4.

Wilmington had a full team so the lineup stayed the same for both games. The line of Scott Deronde with wingers Linden Hayes and Denis Gingras put on a passing clinic. They passed at the red line, crossing the blue line and around the net. Their work resulted in four goals in two games. Tom Shafer, Tommy Cushing and center Corey Lee, worked hard along the boards. They were relentless when near the net. They put in two goals in game two. Center Ryan Brothers had Joe Favuzza and Matt Kasparian on the wings. They did a great job keeping the puck in the Maples zone. Their line made the most of rushes up and chocked up two goals in game two.

The defense also had three solid lines. Kyle Curtis was paired with Dean Moran. This is a new pairing and it seemed to work well. They did a great job along the boards both in their end and the Maples end. Matt Goodland and Brett Meuse were also a new pairing and

seemed to complement each other well. They did a great job in the offensive end keeping the puck in and getting some shots on net. Meuse got a goal in the second game. The third defensive team was Matt Toto and Frankie Mearls, they are normally paired together. It is easy to tell that they are used to each other because they do a super job backing each other up. If one pinches in one backs up and one covers the front of the net while the other works the corner.

Goalie Craig Benard did a great job in both games. He did it all; glove saves, blocker saves and a couple of off the stick. In game two he had a shut out going until an errant clear went to an open Tewksbury player who shot it by Craig's sprawling leg. Wilmington lost the Maples game 4-2. The two Wilmington goals were scored by Deronde, both in the second period. The first goal was assisted by Hayes and Gingras. The three players had a number of shots and rebounds and Deronde was able to stuff in a wrap around shot. The second Deronde goal was set up as Hayes passed to a breaking Deronde who fought off two defensemen to get the shot and goal.

Game two against Tewksbury was dominated by the Wildcats,

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Boys Hoop team looks to score

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

Shawsheen Tech boys basketball coach Ron Nowakowski doesn't like to make predictions as to how many wins or losses his team will accumulate during a given season, and this year is no different. It would be hard to argue with Nowakowski's strategy given the success the Rams had last season when he also refused to put a number on the amount of wins he expected for his team.

Under Nowakowski's guidance, the Rams posted a 14-6 regular season record, earned a dramatic 49-48 win in the first round of the Division 3 North tournament against Greater Lawrence and then gave number one seed Swampscott all they could handle in the quarterfinals before succumbing by a final score of 66-52.

Although Nowakowski doesn't want to quantify exactly what his team will be able to do, the outside observer would find it difficult not to look at this year's edition of the Rams and not expect even bigger and better things, particularly after their season opening non league win over Lowell Catholic by the astounding score of 56-15 last Friday night.

The Rams return five players who either started or saw significant playing time last season, and they along with several talented newcomers should make Shawsheen a difficult matchup for anyone in the Commonwealth Athletic Conference Upper Division.

The starting lineup for the Rams are all returnees from last year's successful squad, and they will be led by senior tri-captains, forward Mike Gore of Wilmington, center Sean Sullivan of Tewksbury and point guard Chris Pavidis.

"From a coaching standpoint

it is great to have players like Gore and Sullivan back because they are familiar with all of our offensive and defensive strategies," Nowakowski said. "That is also why we had four scrimmages in the pre-season, to help us all come together as a team."

The 6-foot-4 Gore averaged 18 points per game last season, to go along with eight rebounds and three blocks. Sullivan meanwhile averaged 8.5 points per game, while also pulling down an average of ten rebounds and four blocks. Nowakowski joins a grateful Shawsheen fan base in being happy to see these two back for the Rams.

If Gore and Sullivan provide the primary scoring and defensive threats, particularly inside the paint, then Pavidis (8 ppg, 6 assists) is most certainly the player that makes the whole offense go from his point guard position. If there is no Pavidis, there is no offense for Sullivan and Gore. Pavidis obviously has the skill to be a starting point guard, but Nowakowski says he also has the right mentality.

"He does a very good job for us at point guard," Nowakowski said. "He's a very unselfish player. In the Lowell Catholic game he had no points, but he had six or seven assists to help set up our offense."

The other starters for the Rams will be senior guard Chuck Timmins who averaged 7.5 ppg last year and forward Shawn Benoit who chipped in five ppg last season.

Other key players for the Rams this season will be several local players including senior guards Steve Stocki and Brendan Warford of Wilmington. Other key locals on the team are juniors Jeremy Sawicki of Wilmington and Dan

Reed of Tewksbury. Mark Hinckley, John Santos and Mike Giangigorio will also be counted on to contribute for the Rams.

Whoever is on the court for the Rams, they will be following the same philosophy. Nowakowski stresses a strong defensive game from every body on the roster, and that strategy will likely lead to a lot of wins for the Rams.

"We try not to play too much of an up tempo games. We prefer to play solid team defense and turn that defense into offense and take high percentage shots," Nowakowski said. "We feel that if we can limit the other team to just one shot and keep the game in the 50's then we have a good chance to win."

No doubt the Rams will likely do a lot of that this season, and that will of course make Nowakowski and his players very happy, but for Nowakowski there is something even more important that he is hoping to accomplish this season.

"In the Lowell Catholic game all 13 kids on the team played in both halves and we would like to try and do that as much as possible this season," Nowakowski said. "We hope to be competitive this season, but we also hope to have a lot of fun. I these kids enjoy coming to practice every day and playing hard then I will be happy."

Though Nowakowski won't make any predictions or set any goals as far as number of wins, it is easy to hear the enthusiasm in his voice when he talks about this group of players.

"I have a good feeling with these kids because they are good kids and they work hard," he said.



The Shawsheen Tech boys' basketball team will be led by local players (back row from left) Mike Gore, Brendan Warford, Mike Giangregorio and Dan Reed. Front row are Steve Stocki, Sean Sullivan and Jeremy Sawicki. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).



The Shawsheen Tech wrestling team will be led by locals Greg Balestrieri, Chris Dell'Anno, Mike Johnson, Steve Helmer and Peter Barry. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux).

Potential is there for wrestling team

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech wrestling team has established a tradition of excellence in the Commonwealth Athletic Conference and throughout Division 1 over the years that last season's 11-9 record in an of itself would not have been very satisfying for the Rams or their coach Mark Donovan.

But add to that record that the Rams finished second in the CAC during the regular season, second in the CAC tournament and won the State Vocational Tournament and you begin to understand the kind of program this is on a yearly basis.

Donovan doesn't expect this year to be any different. In fact, duplicating last season accomplishments will only be a starting point for the Rams this year.

"With ten seniors coming back we've got a veteran team and they know what it takes to be winners," Donovan said. "And they want that league title this season. They also want to win the voke tourney again."

Donovan's got good reason to be optimistic. As he enters his 20th season as head coach of the Rams he has never had a team finish below second place in the CAC.

The senior leadership on this team will obviously be a key

with so many of them at the top of the roster. Donovan has named six of these seniors as captains, but he will be counting on all of them to show the younger wrestlers how things are done at Shawsheen Tech.

The captains will be John Pimentel, Christopher Dell'Anno, Paul Callahan, Joseph Ronan, Wilmington's Greg Balestrieri and Tewksbury's Stephen Helmer.

"These guys have been through four years and they have worked hard for all four years," Donovan said.

Starters for the Rams will be senior Peter Barry and freshman Keith Wiitala at 103 pounds, Helmer at 112, freshman Kevin Bradley at 130, Ronan at 125, sophomore Brian Snook and Balestrieri at 130, freshman Shawn Pimentel, sophomore Andrew Martinez and senior Stephen Butler at 140, Callahan at 145, Dell'Anno at 152, sophomore Joseph Galvin at 160, seniors Pat Leary and John Pimentel at 171, senior Michael Johnson at 240 and senior Sean Turner in the heavyweight division.

"I think we are strongest from 103 to 130 and then again from 152 to heavyweight," Donovan said. "And that is primarily because the guys in these weight classes have a lot of experience and have been through all of this before."

The Rams opened their season with a dominating 42-27 win over CAC rival Minuteman on Saturday. The Rams got wins from Helmer, Ronan, Bradley, Snook, Martinez, Callahan, and Galvin. It is early, but it appears the Rams have served notice that CAC opponents, and everyone else had better beware that the Rams are back and intend to fight for the top of the league and the division.

"I think Greater Lawrence probably is the league favorite, but I think we can be right there with them," Donovan said. "And this year, I also want us to be in the hunt on the second day of the state tournament."

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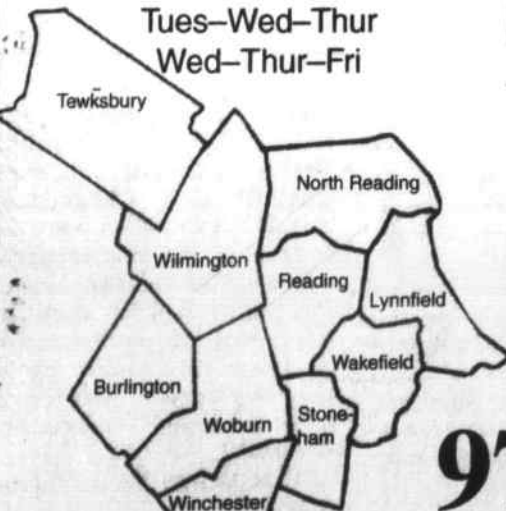
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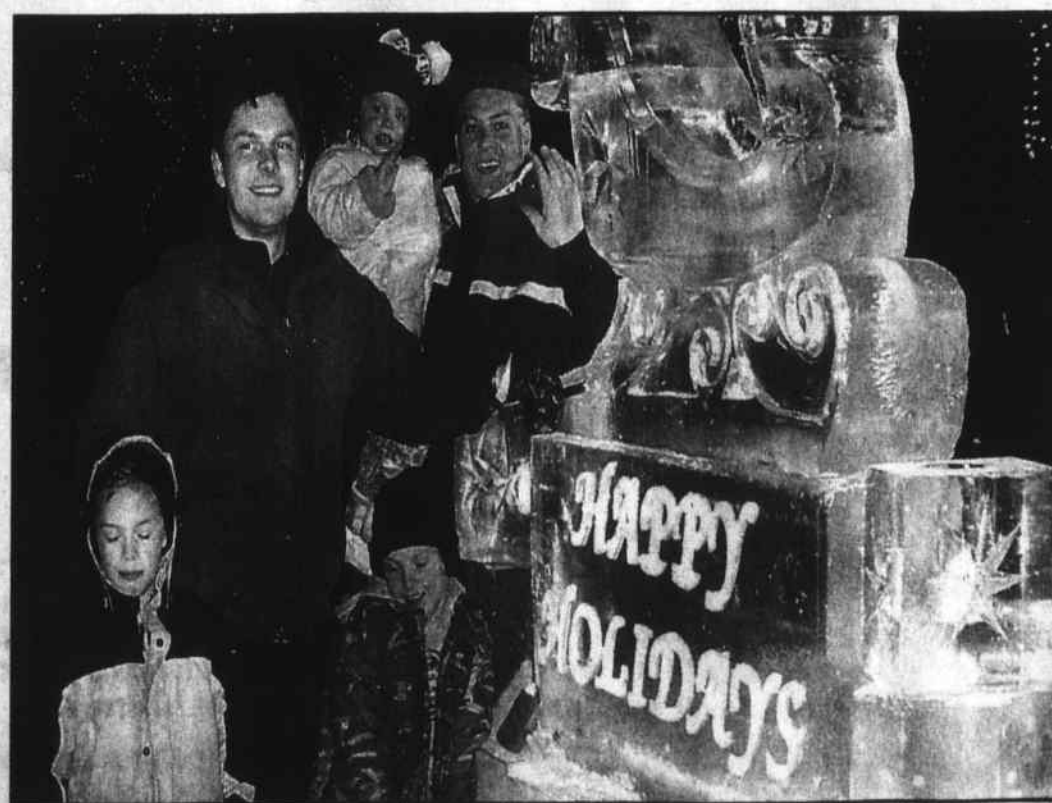
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Lady Rams hope magical ride continues this season

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech girls' basketball team had a season to remember last year.

The Lady Rams finished the season 23-2 and won the Commonwealth Athletic Conference Upper Division title with a 14-1 mark within the loop. The record included a trip to the finals of the Division 4 North tournament before being eliminated by Savio Prep. It was truly a spectacular season. The tough part now, however, is following up on last year's success. Not only that. But this year's group must do it without the services of several talented seniors who were lost to graduation, including all-time leading scorer Ashley Morgado.

Head coach Bill Ritchie, entering his 15th and final season at the helm of the Lady Rams knows that it will be difficult for this team to earn their fourth CAC title under his watch.

"This could be a rebuilding year," Ritchie said. "It's not that there is not a lot of talent here, but it's a very young team. It's my retirement year, so somebody is going to get some good talent with this team in years to come."

The Lady Rams are indeed a very young squad, with eight sophomores and two freshmen joining senior captain Jenn Elwell of Tewksbury. The starting lineup will likely be a rotation of six players, with Elwell in the mix along with five of the sophomores.

Many of the sophomores saw significant playing time last year, but a lot more will be

expected of them this season. Ritchie is not sure how things will go at the start of the season, but he also warns that Shawsheen opponents had better get their licks in while they can.

"All of these sophomores are back after getting playing time last year so I am not disappointed at all. But it will be tough for them to follow what went before them," Ritchie said. "It could be tough for them. They may take their lumps this year before they grow up, but we'll see what happens down the road."

Elwell will start at forward for the Rams and the primary rotation will consist of Erica Marsh and Kristina Stanasek at guard with Marsh playing the point, Kristin Cantwell and Tewksbury's Maggie Joyce at forwards and Mandy MacDonald at center.

When Ritchie refers to the experience that his sophomores gained last season, perhaps there is no better example than Marsh, who had many good games for the Lady Rams last season including some clutch performances in the tournament.

"Erica had a very good year for us last season," Ritchie said. "She is already a seasoned veteran as just a sophomore."

Ritchie has confidence in all of his young players, but he also knows that one of the biggest keys to this season will be the play of Elwell. The senior brought her game to a different level down the stretch last season, finding her shooting touch and hitting several big shots as the Lady Rams marched

toward the league title.

"She got so good at shooting the ball at the end of the year," Ritchie said. "Nobody was a more of a leader than her by the end of the year."

Elwell led by example with her hot shooting as well as her floor leadership during games, but one example stands above all others in Ritchie's mind as to what type of leaders Elwell was and will be.

"In the semi-finals against Austin Prep we were down by five with about one minute left, and I called a timeout," Ritchie said. "I remember everybody coming over and they were all so quiet, except for Jenn who was pounding her fists and she told the team, we will not lose this game. She was right, and she became the leader of the team, and so far this year she has been a very good captain."

Shawsheen will also likely get some key contributions from freshmen Tayla Brander and Amanda Vacca.

"These two kids are going to be pretty good and they will play a lot for us," Ritchie said. "They just go a million miles per hour all the time and they are really fun to watch."

Whoever is on the court for the lady Rams they will be required to play a tough style of defense. The primary goal of this team will be to keep the opposition off the scoreboard as much as possible.

"We will have to be a team that looks to keep our opponents down, because I don't know where our offense is going to come from," Ritchie said. "We have to be fundamentally sound and take care of the ball. You can teach offense, but I think the first thing for us to do is to start with the defense and our offense can feed off of that."

While last year's 23 wins were truly remarkable, Ritchie has set his sights a little more realistically this season. Not only will the Lady Rams be in somewhat of a rebuilding mode, but there will also be plenty of talent in the CAC to challenge them.

"Tyngsboro is always very tough and PMA is also good this year. They've got a very good center that is going to be a problem for people. Whittier will also be tough," Ritchie said. "It would be great if we could qualify for the tournament. That is the goal of this team."

With such a young team, it would seem the Lady Rams would take the majority of their lumps early in the season and get better as the year goes on and they gain more experience. Ritchie agrees with this premise, but he also knows where the responsibility for that improvement lies.

"If we are not playing better on February 1 than we are right now then it will be my fault, not theirs," Ritchie said.



The Shawsheen Tech girls' basketball team opened its season this past week as local players (from left to right) Maggie Joyce, Jenn Elwell and Stephanie Ramsdell look to help out. (Photo by Maureen Lamoureux)

Rams are swimming to the future

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

The Shawsheen Tech co-ed swimming team may not roll up a huge number of victories this season due to an inexperienced roster and some tough competition within the Commonwealth Athletic Conference, but the season will provide a nice glimpse into what promises to be a very bright future for the Rams.

With only four seniors and two juniors on the roster to go along with several sophomores and freshmen, the Rams may experience some growing pains along the way, but under coach Anthony Fiore, who is returning to the Rams after a one-year absence there will also likely be some very good moments as the year goes on.

"It's definitely a rebuilding year for us with a lot of freshmen and sophomores. These are kids that are new to the sport," Fiore said. "They just don't have the experience yet, but they will get it and they will improve as they get it."

And Fiore knows that he will be counted on heavily to give his young squad that experience. After coaching the Rams for several years, he was unable to coach last season, but he is happy to have the opportunity to be back this season with a group of young swimmers.

"I am absolutely very glad to be back," Fiore said. "I have been with the Shawsheen program since I graduated from high school so it's great to be back."

Fiore also knows that he has an advantage that most first year coaches do not have. While the team is young and many of the athletes are new to him as he is to them, the older members of the team are very familiar with Fiore and his coaching style, so the transition should be relatively smooth.

"That's a plus for me. It's certainly a lot easier than coming in without knowing anybody," Fiore said. "That transition phase of the kids testing me as a coach should not be a problem with this group."

Fiore will rely heavily on the upperclassmen that he does have on the team and perhaps none more so than his four

senior captains. Andrea Gomez of Wilmington, CindyAnn Kelly of Tewksbury, John Paul O'Connor and Dennis Aucoin will lead the Rams and Fiore thinks they are up to the task. When asked to comment on Gomez and Kelly in particular, Fiore was effusive in his praise.

"They have so much experience and the other kids know that and realize they can learn a lot from them," Fiore said. "The kids also watch them compete and see how well they do and that just adds to their credibility."

Two other locals, juniors Pat Compenneschi and Melissa Tello of Wilmington will also be relied on to bring leadership and stability to the Rams. These veteran swimmers will be put in a unique situation this season, where they may not be swimming their best events, in order to get the younger members of the team a variety of experiences in different events.

"We're going to have to ask a lot of our older kids in the early going," Fiore said. "We need them to be versatile to really find where the younger kids fit in. For example, Pat's best event is probably the breaststroke, but I might have three other kids who can do that, and none that can do the butterfly, so I will need Pat to do the butterfly instead."

Fortunately for Fiore, the

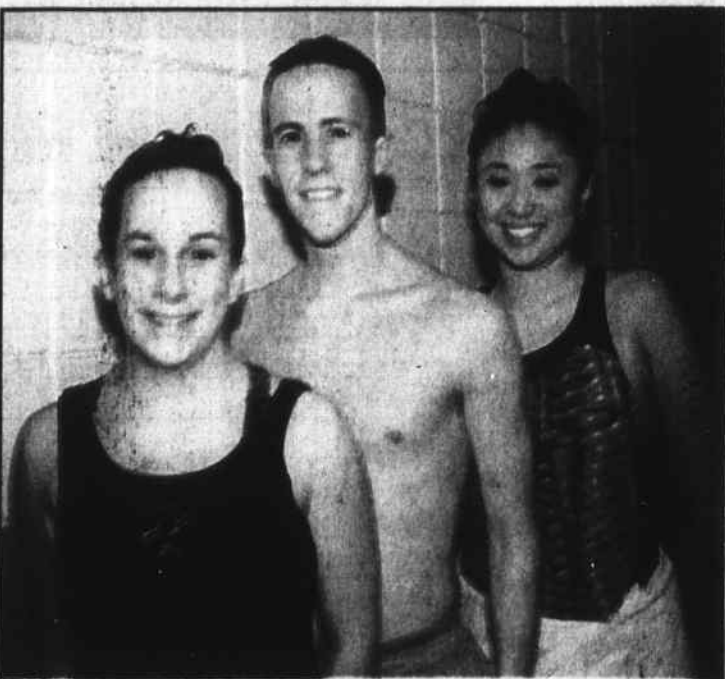
older members of the team are willing to put the success of the team, both now and in the future, ahead of their personal success.

"I think they understand that to be a good and successful team they will have to do whatever they can to help," Fiore said. "I have known most of them long enough that I knew they would be willing to do almost anything to help the team. I think they also know it will pay off in the end."

Freshman Monique Gagnon and sophomore Lindsey Condon, both of Tewksbury will also contribute to the team as will Wilmington residents Brian Baptista and Eric Doyle, both sophomores.

Shawsheen opened their season on Wednesday night against defending CAC champion Tyngsboro. That was sure to be a tough matchup for the Rams, but while this is considered a rebuilding year by Fiore, he also feels his team can compete with most other teams in the CAC.

"I expect Northeast to make a run at the title against Tyngsboro this season," Fiore said. "Those two are the elite teams in the league and I think the rest of us are pretty much in the same area talent wise. It's a good league and the teams are pretty evenly matched."



Wilmington residents Melissa Tello, Pat Compenneschi and Andrea Gomez are members of the Shawsheen Tech co-ed swimming team. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux)



Tewksbury residents Monique Gagon, CyndiAnn Kelley, Lindsey Condon, Brian Baptista and Eric Doyle are members of the Shawsheen Tech co-ed swimming team. (photo by Maureen Lamoureux)

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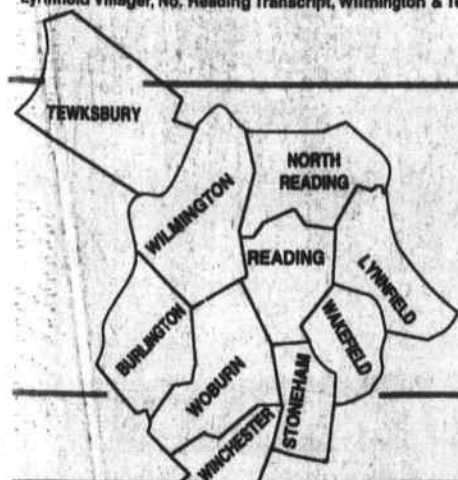
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Mark Mitchell's Disney

By DOUG WOOD-BOYLE

Growing up to be a kid is the mark of success for Mark Mitchell the man with the wishing well depicting Mickey and Minnie Mouse on his front lawn.

"I always tell people 'If you're lucky you'll grow up to be a kid,'" Mitchell, an animator with the Walt Disney Studio and a Disney historian, said.

Mitchell still works on assignment for the Disney Studio and others. However, he also spends a good portion of his time appearing in schools and shopping malls around the country spreading the word on the history of Walt Disney and his own journey in the world of animation.

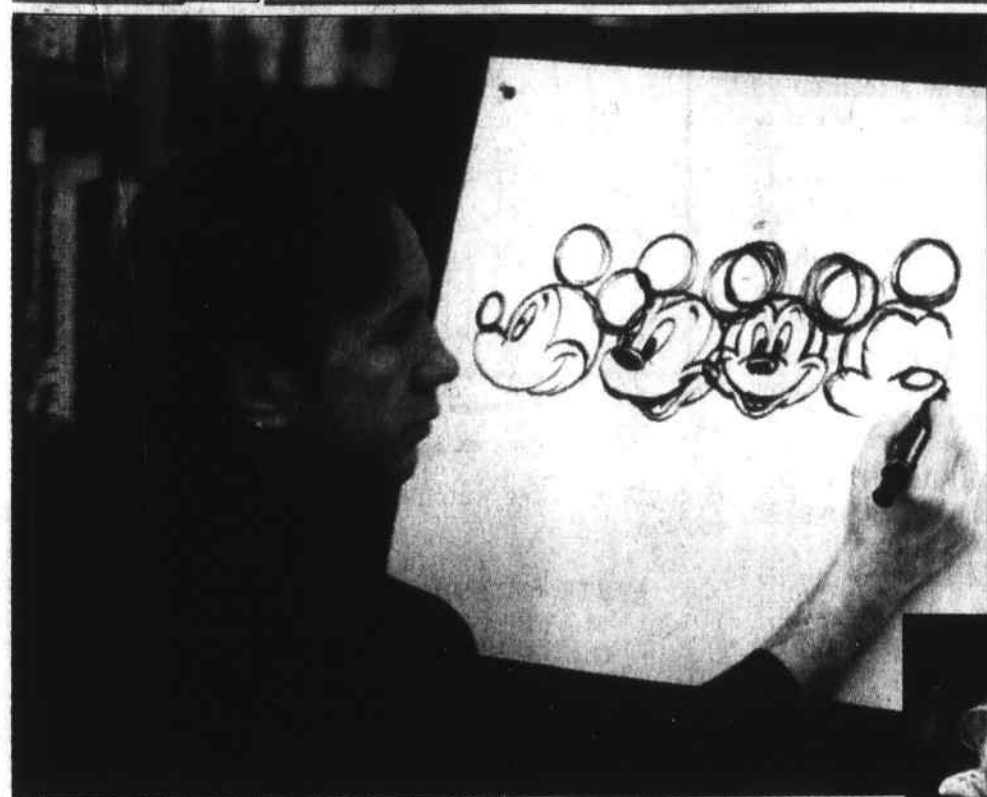
"I want young people to know who Walt is and what he stood for," the artist said.

"All I'm doing is bringing something back to the table," Mitchell said of his programs.

Mitchell never met Walt Disney in person. However, he has met him in spirit as the studios and his co-workers, including some of the "nine old-men," instilled a sense of the Disney pride and philosophy into the young artist.

The nine old-men - Wolfgang "Woolie" Reitherman (who took over for Disney after he passed away) Frank Thomas, Ollie Johnston, Ward Kimball, Eric Larson, John Lounsbery, Les Clark, and Milt Kahl - are the original team of animators and artists who created some of the most memorable Disney characters and brought them to life. Reitherman, Thomas, Johnston and Kimball are the ones that helped to shape Mitchell.

It was Woolie Reitherman who instilled the Disney spirit and sense of pride in Mitchell. By the time Mitchell had started working at the Disney Studios Reitherman was in charge of the animators and could be tough in his judgement of their work. However, Mitchell learned years later that as hard as Reitherman's criticism was he actually held a lot of respect for the younger artist.



Courtesy photo



WALT DISNEY ANIMATOR, MARK MITCHELL (above top left) demonstrates how to draw Mickey Mouse during an art workshop at the Northeast Regional Vocational School. Above, Sarah Doucette, 16, of Woburn was among many attending the event. At right is Jessy McCulloch, 15, of Wakefield. The late Walt Disney is shown at left. He died on December 14, 1966.

(Photos, Don Young)

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Movie Reviews

by Paul Feely

MOVIE: "STUCK ON YOU"

GRADE: **

The Farrelly brothers, those wacky siblings who brought such hit comedies as 'Dumb and Dumber' and 'There's Something About Mary' to the screen, directed this comedy about brothers who share a liver and don't get along very well.

The conjoined twins are played by Matt Damon and Greg Kinnear, and grow up on Martha's Vineyard. They go through many growing pains and experiences

together before deciding to leave the tiny island to pursue a career in Hollywood.

Damon and Kinnear are likable enough, and there are a few very funny scenes, but they just aren't enough to carry the movie to the level of other classic comedies. The movie continues a recent trend in Farrelly brother movies, such as 'Shallow Hal', where the directors go a little heavy on the sentimental, sugary-sweet moral of the story, in what should strictly be a laugh-out-loud joke fest.

SHORTTAKES
MOVIE: "BAD SANTA"
GRADE: **

This is the perfect film for those that never seem to get in the mood for the holidays, but if this is your favorite time of year, stay as far away from this movie as possible.

Billy Bob Thornton plays a wise-cracking drunk who works as a department store Santa while he cases the joint to rob it at a later date. His character hates Christmas, and he and his dwarf sidekick regularly swear at children and poke fun at almost every camp, Hollywood Christmas tradition you have ever seen on screen in the past.

The movie is very funny if you appreciate hardcore cynicism and have a sharp wit, but if you are happy running with the shopping crowd and stopping for the carolers, this isn't the film for you.

MOVIE: "THE CAT IN THE HAT"
GRADE: **

Star Mike Myers, normally very funny in more adult roles, falls a bit flat in this portrayal of the classic hero of the famous Dr. Seuss book of the same name.

Myers tries very hard, but his physical comedic abilities are lost under a ton of make-up and a cat suit. There are a few risqué remarks thrown in to this children's movie, presumably for the parents to laugh at, but they really have no place in what should be a holiday classic for kids, but instead turns out to be nothing more than lethargic, unimaginative interpretation of the classic story.

Despite the high-priced visuals and special effects, the story is better told on pages meant for little hands

than it is on the big screen.

MOVIE: "ELF"
GRADE: ***

Star Will Ferrell, known for his sometimes adult humor in other movies, turns in a performance suitable for viewers of almost all ages in this holiday tale.

Ferrell plays a human who is raised by elves at the North Pole, who then sets out into the real world to meet up with his actual family.

Ferrell is very good at physical comedy, and this classic 'fish out of water' storyline demands plenty of him. He is more than up to the task, and the result is a film that all can enjoy.

Director Jon Favreau, known for his roles in films like 'Swingers' and 'Made Men', is at the helm of this one as director, and discovering that he has a flair for family films is a refreshing revelation.

MOVIE: "THE MATRIX: REVOLUTIONS"
GRADE: ***

Like the ad slogan for the film says, "All things that have a beginning must have an end", and the Wachowski brothers have created a finale to their wildly popular series that would rival the end of any fireworks display.

Keanu Reeves returns as hero Neo, and Carrie Anne Moss reprises her role as Trinity, as they return to save the city of Zion, the last refuge of mankind against the machines running the world.

The religious overtones that have been present just below the surface throughout the series come to a head in this installment, and the special effects are once again state-of-the-art.

Fans of the first two movies will be very pleased with how the storyline wraps up, though someone unfamiliar with the background might wonder what the heck



There are seven differences in the second picture. Can you spot them?
ANSWERS: MIRROR, TV, SMY, NAT, SHOE, BOOKSHELF, CHEST TABLE.

is going on while watching this one.

MOVIE: "MYSTIC RIVER"
GRADE: ***

Director Clint Eastwood has created a masterpiece in this thrilling crime drama, set against the idea that even the smallest of choices can eventually change our lives for better or worse.

The film, set in Boston, stars Sean Penn, Kevin Bacon, and Tim Robbins as three childhood friends who have taken very different paths in life (after one of them was abducted and abused as a boy), but are brought together by the death of one of their daughters, though not in the way you might (i.e. gathering at the wake). One is a cop, and investigating the murder of the teenage girl.

Boston looks great in the film, breathing life into the backdrop of every scene. The

script is great, and fans of the very well-written book by Denis Lehane that this is based on will be happy to hear that it is almost as good as the book itself.

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Emma Swift wins Twirling Title



EMMA SWIFT OF LYNNFIELD won a State Baton Twirling Title as a member of the Woburn based Gangi All-Stars at a recent competition in Townsend.

Emma Swift of Lynnfield recently won a State Baton Twirling Title at the Massachusetts State Champion Association (NBTA) held in Townsend.

In the tournament she competed in individual and team events and came away winning

the senior division on the Beginner Solo, Novice X-Strut and placed second with her 2-baton routine.

Her team, Gangi's All-Stars is the state senior Dance Twirl Champion as well as the senior Beginner Twirl Team Champion.

Constitution Museum wins highest honor

The USS Constitution Museum is proud to announce that it is one of six recipients of the National Awards for Museum and Library Service for the year 2003. Dr. Robert S. Martin, director of the institute of museum and library services announced the winners recently.

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"The staff of the USS

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About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

DRINKING THINKING & DRINKING, THINKING

Making a point in Woburn

"Bickford's Grille in East Woburn will not be getting an all-alcoholic license," notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The three-member Woburn License Commission voted 3-0 to deny the license after a summer-long debate and deliberation process.

"Long associated as a breakfast and family restaurant, Bickford's is in the process of upgrading the Woburn facility, along with 21 others in the area, to be more competitive with chains such as the 99 Restaurants, Applebees and others.

"Presently, Bickford's is the lone Woburn restaurant open 24 hours and serves a large nighttime and morning clientele from nearby Interstate 93.

"At issue, said Chairman J. Kevin Maguire, was the transition period from serving alcohol to swinging back to a food-only operation and secondly that the Woburn License Commission would be setting a precedent for all other restaurants in Woburn to follow.

"Presently, Woburn doesn't allow 24-hour restaurant operations. However, the long-standing approval to Bickford's has resulted in the restaurant being put into a grandfather clause status.

"Woburn Police, who provide Friday and Saturday night details from dusk-to-dawn, had serious reservations about police details, who by policy and procedure do not go into restaurants who are serving alcohol.

"After the meeting, Woburn attorney Joseph Tarby and two Bickford's officials were visibly put out by the decision. The issue, introduced again after three years in early July, had a late July public hearing, and then a continuation to allow all sides to find some common ground. However, Chairman Maguire from the

start stated: 'This is going to be a hard sell to me.'

"Bickford's at 325 Montvale Ave. is in the confluence of five sit-down restaurants in the area including Spuds, Friendly's, McDonald's and Polcari's (Spuds and Polcari's have liquor licenses). Two decades ago Bickford's replaced Sambo's at the same site...."

'Living' well in Lynnfield

"The Town Meeting warrant contains a proposed zoning bylaw amendment, sponsored by the Planning Board, asking voters to allow for an assisted living facility in a commercial zone," reports the "Lynnfield Villager."

"While the town already has an assisted living bylaw for a residential zone, the maximum occupancy of such a facility is limited to 12 residents. The new amendment would allow for such a facility in a commercial zone, which could house a maximum of 100 residents.

"The development will have to abide by all provisions, sit on contiguous land and include a minimum of 1,000 sq. ft. for each unit and 250 sq. ft. for parking and accessory needs.

"Representatives of Sunrise Development, Inc. were present at the public hearing as the company is hoping Town Meeting voters will approve the amendment allowing the company to construct a 79-unit assisted living facility at the site of the present Kernwood Restaurant on Salem Street.

"Attorney Ted Regnante, who is representing Sunrise Development, Sunrise Senior Vice-President of Development Sean Ambrose and project engineer Peter Ogren of Hayes Engineering addressed concerns by the board and the public.

"While few were raised, Donald Ross, 1156 Main St., inquired as to why the proposal allows only 40 parking

spaces (38 regular, 2 handicapped) for a total of 100 residents.

"Regnante explained that the average resident in a Sunrise Senior Living facility is in his/her eighties and does not own a motor vehicle; therefore, the parking spaces are provided more for employees.

"The Kernwood site, which houses the restaurant and an adjoining office building, currently offers 214 parking spaces, as well as handicapped spaces, Regnante continued, and the reduction in the spaces will allow for more landscaping.

"Ambrose added that the facility employs full-time maintenance workers who assist residents who do drive

in clearing snow off their vehicles. The maintenance team is also responsible for plowing and shoveling the sidewalks in the winter, he said...."

Maine stream thinking in Wilmington

"Local readers have decided to head to Maine for the winter," notes the "Wilmington Town Crier."

"So to speak. The Wilmington Memorial Library announced the winner of its 'One Book, One Community' program, and it's 'Empire Falls,' a seriocomic novel by Richard Russo that focuses on the has-beens and lost causes who live day by day in a struggling Maine town.

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Towns From S-3

Tina Stewart encouraged residents to nominate a book that they would like to see the town join together and read. A committee whittled down the list of as many as 150 nominees to three best sellers. 'Empire Falls,' the ultimate winner, was, of course, one of the books. The other two titles were 'Seabiscuit: An American Legend,' about an underdog horse and the three down-trodden men who transform him into a Depression-era winner, and 'To Kill a Mockingbird,' the beloved classic about a young southern girl who learns lessons of principle, tolerance, equality and love from her father, who defends a black man who has been charged with assaulting a white woman.

"We were all so excited about the three choices," says Eileen MacDougall, a Friend of the Wilmington Memorial Library. "We thought that all three would have worked very well."

"The face-off of the final three breaks down like this. The number of votes cast came in at 332. Of these 332 readers, 116 voted for 'Empire Falls,' 109 chose 'Mockingbird,' and 107 went with 'Seabiscuit.'"

"The vote was so close that it just proves that there was interest in all three books," MacDougall says....

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Athletes & Activities
by Paul Feely**SPORTS SHORTS**

MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA? What was the last National Football League team that former New England Patriots quarterback Tony Eason played for? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

READING'S CHRIS CONDON, a junior at Colby Sawyer College, had scored on a three-point shot and a transitional bucket to help the school's men's basketball team post a 61-56 win over Bowdoin. He finished the game with 13 points and 12 rebounds.

WOBURN'S JASON LOMBARDO, a junior member of the Keene State College men's soccer team, was recently named to the NSCAA All-region men's soccer first team. Lombardo led KSC in scoring with 18 goals and 10 assists for 46 points. The LEC's offensive player of the year, Lombardo tallied eight game-winning goals this season. A three-time all-region pick, Lombardo moved into third on the Owl's

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WOBURN'S TONY JOHNSON, a senior on the Merrimack College men's ice hockey team, had an assist on the four goals his team netted in a 4-1 win over Quinnipiac College.

READING'S KRISTIN JOHNSON, a sophomore member of the Bentley College field hockey team, combined with another goalie to post a 9-0 win over AIC recently. Neither Johnson or the other goalie had to face a shot on net the entire game, thanks to the Bentley team's stingy defense.

AUSTIN PREP'S DANIELLE ORLANDELLA was named to the Massachusetts Girls Soccer Coaches Association Division 3 team.

WINCHESTER'S STEPHEN LATTANZI has had a very busy season as a member of the Choate Rosemary Hall (located in Wallingford, Conn.) where he has contributed to the team as a tight end, slotback, defensive end, and special teams.

NORTH READING'S ASHLEY HARMELING, a junior on the Amherst College women's soccer team, has earned the title of the top 2003 New England Small College Athletic Conference women's soccer player of the year. She led the NESCAC with 18 goals for Amherst, helping to lead her team to the league championship and a spot in the NCAA Division 3 tourney.

STONEHAM'S BRYAN LAST, a junior, is a member of the Stonehill College men's ice hockey team this winter.

Need some help on this week's trivia question? The team is in the AFC East.

WAKEFIELD'S JULIE HIGGINS pulled the Merrimack College women's basketball team to within two points in a recent game against UMass-Lowell, 62-60, by hitting one of two free throws, but the team eventually lost 64-60.

THE COLONIAL ADULT MASTERS SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TEAM is recruiting new members for the 2003-2004 season. Prior experience on such a team is not needed, but eligible skaters must be age 25 by the preceding July 1. For more information call Team Manager Cheryl Milloy at 781-275-4476.

LYNNFIELD'S TORI SPENCE, a senior at Johnson and Wales University (JWU) and captain of the women's tennis team the last two years, was named the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Women's Player of the Year. Spence has been a dominant force throughout the GNAC this year as she tallied a JWU record of 31 wins playing first singles and first doubles. She also set the career record at JWU tallying 99 wins in her four years at first singles and first doubles. Upon graduation in May, Spence will attend graduate school to pursue an MBA.

ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: The last NFL team that Tony Eason played for was the New York Jets in 1990.

DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T? If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, Ma., 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200 between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or fax information at 781-942-0884.

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Calendar of Events

ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

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Beginner 1 class held at Burlington Library, Sears St on Monday evenings, starting Jan. 26. Beginner 2 & 3 and intermediate classes Wednesday evenings at St. Margaret's school, starting Jan. 21.

Intermediate advance and advance Thursdays at Burlington Library starting Jan. 22. Register early, space is limited. For information call 781-932-8203.

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Wakefield, 326 Main St. is holding its annual Winter Solstice Celebration on Sunday evening, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. It will feature various carols, wassails, recitations and dances from folk traditions as well as a Mummer's Play and other assorted revelry.

The Ha'penny Morris Dancers will join in the celebration again this year with their lively style of dance. Many traditional Winter solstice musical pieces will be sung and played on a variety of instruments.

The night will include lots of fun, music, dance and laughs. There is no cost for the event, and all ages are welcome. For more information, call the church at 781-245-4632.

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GRIFFIN MUSEUM PHOTOGRAPHY DISPLAYS

The Griffin Museum of Photography at 67 Shore Road in Winchester is having 2 displays open to the public.

Main Gallery now through February 24: 10th Griffin Museum Juried Exhibition, featuring works of 51 photographers from around the country.

Emerging Artists Gallery: through January 15 - "Hard Boys and Bad Girl", Thomas

McGovern's ongoing photography project of young people living their fantasies of greatness through professional wrestling.

The Griffin Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday 12 - 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for seniors. Members and children under 12 are free. Thursday features free admission all day.

The Griffin Museum is handicapped accessible and parking is available on the premises. For more information call 781-729-1158 or www.griffinmuseum.org.

SINGLES DANCE IN WALTHAM

"Single Executives Club" Christmas Party and Singles Dance will be held on Friday, Dec. 19 from 8:30 to 12 p.m. at the Best Western Hotel Terrace Room, 477 Totten Pond Rd., Waltham. Exit 27A off Rte. 128. 781-446-0234.

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WINCHESTER HOSPITAL CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Friends of Winchester Hospital extends an invitation to all men and women of the communities served by the hospital to attend an orientation for prospective adult volunteers to learn more about current volunteer opportunities.

On Monday, Jan. 12, Barbara Gillespie and Audrey Caulfield, Vice Chairpersons of the Volunteer Services Board, and Marie Johnson, Director of Volunteer Services, will host a session at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the hospital. Coffee and a brief tour of the hospital will follow the introduction.

Please come and learn about the rewards of being a volunteer at Winchester Hospital. Questions, call Marie Johnson, Director of Volunteer Services at 781-756-2625.

PERSONAL TRAINING WORKSHOP OFFERED

Curves for Women and NDEITA, a non-profit fitness professional association, are co-sponsoring the following

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Workshop registration includes written exam, 2 year certificate and membership.

The event location is Curves, 1565 Main St., Unit 1D in Tewksbury. The contact is Sarah Levenson at 978-658-0600. To register call 800-aerobic or register online at www.ndeita.com.

HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE IN MIDDLETON

A free Hunter Education course will be held in Middleton by the Danvers Fish and Game Club. The location is Log Bridge Road (off Rte. 114), Middleton on Jan. 10, 17 and 24 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Mass. Hunter Ed Program is conducting a Basic Hunter Education course. Successful completion of the course fulfills the requirements established by Mass General Law to make application for a Class A or B License to Carry Firearms, or a Firearms Identification Card. Check with your local police chief to fulfill all firearms licensing requirements.

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UMPIRES JANUARY TRAINING PROGRAM

The Merrimack Valley Umpires Assn. (MVUA) announces that the umpiring clinic for adult men, women, and teens (over 16) who want to be trained as certified (patched) baseball umpires, is

scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Jan 6 and continue on consecutive Tuesdays for the next 7 weeks.

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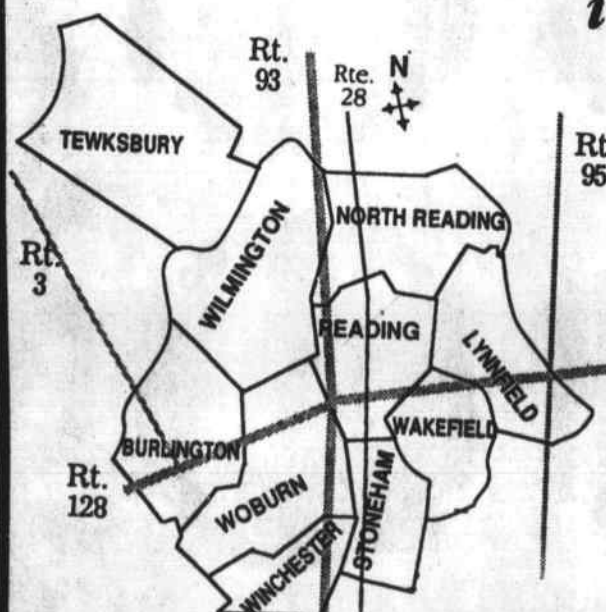
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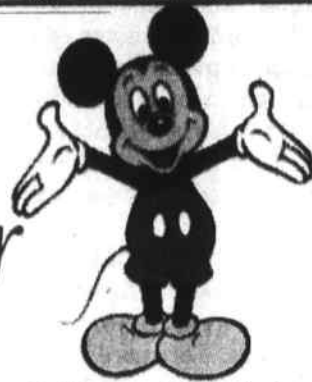
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Mitchell tells the story of being at a Disney event and meeting Reitherman's wife, Jane, who told him that her husband used to talk about him all the time. She added that Reitherman saw a reflection of himself in Mitchell.

Disney had the same reputation for being tough on his animators. According to one story, Ward Kimball worked for six months on a scene from Snow White. The scene depicted the dwarfs eating soup.

After all the work, Disney reviewed it and made the decision to cut it from the final film because it slowed the pace too

much. However, Disney had recognized the talent and hard work that went into the scene and when Pinocchio came to the boards he gave Kimball the challenge of creating Jiminy Cricket.

Mitchell explained that it was all part of the Disney philosophy of having his people take risks and reach for goals. However, the Disney philosophy also stressed that the characters were all a collaboration of a team effort and were done under the Disney name.

"Walt demanded and expected your very best," Mitchell said.

This was true, no matter who the artist was, even Salvatore Dali, who once worked in the Disney studios. Even Mickey Mouse, the creation of Walt Disney, and the source of the Disney Empire today, was in part collaboration between Disney and a war buddy, Ub Iwerks. Disney had drawn the world's most popular mouse; however, it was Iwerks who had what it takes to give the cartoon a life through animation.

Mitchell started his drawing in the first grade at Stoneham's Robin Hood School. He recalled that the teacher would let the students, who finished their other class work early, go to the easel in the classroom and draw whatever they wanted.

He endeavored to always be done with the other lessons early. However, the teacher soon caught on that he would rather draw than be correct in his other lessons.

He later found out that the teacher had kept some of the drawings he did in the class.

Throughout his childhood, Mitchell was impressed with the work of Walt Disney and Charles Schultz. However, it was the Disney show, "The Wonderful World of Disney" on television that motivated him to become a cartoonist and animator.

The year was 1966, and Mitchell recalled he was first diagnosed as being a diabetic. Batman, played by Adam West, first came to the television screen and Mitchell described it as "...the great days of television when Walt was on every Sunday night."

"Walt Disney was teaching you something without letting you know you were learning."

This was also a time when young people could write to a person who made an impression and influenced the course of their lives.

Schultz was one of the people that Mitchell wrote to and received correspondence from. Those return letters encouraged the young artist to strive for his goals.

Mitchell first started his drawing career as an editorial cartoonist, with the former Stoneham Ledger, while he was

a sophomore in high school. After high school, he followed up on correspondence with the Disney studios by going out there with his portfolio.

Although he had been told that a personal visit would not be necessary, his initiative earned him a visit to the set of Pete's Dragon, where he met Mickey Rooney and Helen Reddy. It also scored him an interview with the chief animation producer for the Disney Studio, Don Duckwall.

After a review of his portfolio, Duckwall informed the hopeful Mitchell that it did not contain what he was looking for. "He knew I had something," Mitchell said.

As a result of the visit he was directed to meet with Jack Hannah, a Disney animator and the director of animation program at the California Institute of Art (CalArts). After another review, Hannah informed Mitchell that he needed more formal education.

The young artist took the advice to heart, but, on a whim, visited the Hanna-Barbera Studio while in California. He was told they would hire him.

Mitchell felt he owed an explanation to Jack Hannah for his kindness. Hannah was able to talk Mitchell out of going with the competing studio.

According to Mitchell, Hannah told him that, although the artists at Hanna-Barbera were professionals, they took shortcuts that were viable for television work but not for feature length movies. He also informed Mitchell that if he were to take the job with Hanna-Barbera the Disney Studio would not hire him.

With this advice in mind, Mitchell returned to Massachusetts and entered the Museum of Fine Arts School, turning down an acceptance to Harvard University.

While attending classes at the Boston institution, he would send his work to Hannah for evaluation and received encouragement from the CalArts animator.

During his sophomore year at The Museum School, Mitchell received his first assignment from the Disney Studio, "Witch Offering Apple," inspired by Snow White, which appeared on the title page of the book "The Disney Villian." Reitherman liked the work the young Mitchell was doing and offered him the assignment of doing inspirational sketches on the Disney film "The Fox and the Hound."

As the result of a drawing Mitchell did for a Snow White statue, he was introduced to Bela Lugosi, Jr. who asked him to do a design for a company logo. Later, Mitchell was at a convention and an attendee carrying a Dracula lunchbox came up and asked him to autograph it because his name was on the logo.

Recently Mitchell spoke to the students at the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School and appeared at a function being held there. During his presentation, as he does at all speaking engagements, he showed a photo of Walt Disney surrounded by all of the Disney characters, a movie about Disney and showed the students some of the simple steps he uses to draw cartoons.

He will also be appearing before the students at the school shortly after the first of the year. He hopes that appearances such as these will start another young person on the road to bringing joy to other people.

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Median Price: \$359,000

- 9 ARBORWOOD DRIVE U-9 was sold to Joanne Floyd and Jeffrey Bilotta by Jeffrey Colter for \$445,000.
- 6 ARDMORE AVENUE was sold to Peter Zervas by Christine Govatsos for \$290,000.
- 9 CRESTHAVEN DRIVE was sold to Francis Torino Jr. and Mindy Torino by Joel and Therese Seully for \$350,000.
- 9 FRANCIS ROAD was sold to Renee Marie Lehmann by Brenda and Scott Magennis for \$360,000.

- 4 HICKORY LANE was sold to Konstantin Feldman and Yelena Tayslina by Litchfield Co. Inc. for \$640,000.
- 26 HILLTOP DRIVE was sold to Gregory Iaquinto Jr. by Edmund Naddaff for \$402,000.
- 9 LAURIE LANE was sold to Bernadette Moran by Lisa and John Rigoli for \$500,000.
- 2 LOUISE ROAD was sold to Susan Sullivan by Paul Sullivan for \$63,982.
- 30 MALL ROAD was sold to 30 Mall Road LLC by Burlington Residences LLC for \$2,600,000.
- 22 OVERLOOK AVENUE was sold to Samohr Rt. and Thomas Murray Jr. Tr. by Francis Sarno for \$235,000.
- 31 RICHARDSON ROAD was sold to Briana Osborn by Hsg. for America Rt. and Kristin Murphy Tr. for \$190,000.

-LYNNFIELD-

Median Price: \$439,950

- 5 HILL LANE was sold to Paul Diagle by Keith and Stiglitz for \$690,000.
- LEY COURT was sold to Khalid and Tahseen Butt by Consulting Svc. for \$1,100,000.
- OADWAY U-204 was sold to Lynnfield Woods Off. Nt. and s Tr. by Stacey Rt. and George Stacey Tr. for \$180,000.
- 3 CANDLEWOOD ROAD was sold to Emilio and Koren Guigliano by Joan Grady and Ramont Grady Jr. for \$575,000.
- 448 ESSEX STREET was sold to Bryan and Linda Beaver by Ermina and Norman Raumussen for \$465,000.
- 15 ISLAND ROAD was sold to Marc Casler and Kimberly Regis by Island Rd. Rt. and Joseph Murray Sr. Tr. for \$643,000.
- 472 LOWELL STREET was sold to Dwight Brown and Donamaria Casey by Douglas Girdwood and Susan MacDonald Girdwood for \$1,088,000.
- 2 PARKWOOD ROAD was sold to Brian Kerr by Kara and Timothy Golden for \$352,500.
- 18 VILLAGE ROW was sold to Robert and Jill Montanile by Tahseen Butt for \$610,000.
- 4 SAUNDERS ROAD was sold to Eric Greene by Stefanie Mihalos for \$385,000.
- 98 SUMMER STREET was sold to Pamela and Robert Ciampi by Donna and Susan Angelo for \$655,000.
- 14 TOPHET ROAD was sold to Andrew and Lisa Brengola by Brengola Rt. and Francis Brengola Tr. for \$500,000.

-NORTH READING-

Median Price: \$404,000

- 2 CEDAR STREET was sold to Beth Munn-Griffin and William Griffin Jr. by Joellen Solano and Kenneth Solano Jr. for \$410,000.
- 156 CENTRAL STREET was sold to Nicola and Sandra Palmitesta by Luigi and Liniana Palmitesta for \$250,000.

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6 GEORGE F ROOT LANE was sold to Robert and Rose Vozzella by Peter and Mary Sherlock for \$890,000.
1 GREENBRIAR DRIVE U:207 was sold to Hossein Fassihi by Michael and Shiela McCarthy for \$199,900.
205 MAIN STREET was sold to Tonelli Realty LLC. by Donald Stackhouse for \$850,000.
34 NUTTER ROAD was sold to Holly Fritz and Michael Palao by Theresa and James Larkin for \$311,000.
2 RAHNEN TERRACE was sold to Benevento Family Ltd. Prtn. by William and Elizabeth Kelly for \$250,000.

-READING-

Median Price: \$375,000

68 CHARLES STREET was sold to Alison Connelly and Brian Boutiette by Kendal and Martha Stackhouse for \$355,500.
14 CROSS STREET was sold to Debbie and Richard McCulley by William and Beth Griffin for \$302,000.
413 GAZEBO CIRCLE U:413 was sold to Kathleen Keenan by Livingston Rt. and Kenneth Livingston Tr. for \$304,000.
414 GAZEBO CIRCLE U:414 was sold to Lillian Serio by Kathleen Marteneit and Kathleen Keenan for \$296,000.
164 GREEN STREET was sold to Jeffrey and Melissa Brenner by Christopher and Alyson Ritondo for \$360,000.
176 GROVE STREET was sold to Kerri and Paul Sugrue by Wendy and Eric Coyne for \$397,000.
42 JOHN CARVER ROAD was sold to Linda Kiene and Thomas Walsh by David Hersee Jr. and Jean Hersee for \$539,000.
6 LINDSAY LANE was sold to Bernard and Maryanne Richter by Victor and Karen Petri for \$675,000.
43 LINE ROAD was sold to Bernadette Quigley by Francis O'Hearn and Kathleen Sperrazza for \$264,000.
295 MAIN STREET U:21 was sold to Timothy Mancusi by Jayne Taylor for \$149,900.
22 RIVERSIDE DRIVE was sold to Kristin and Robert Diloreto by Joseph Moriarty for \$487,000.
52 SANBORN STREET U:205 was sold to Alexander Santilli and Allison Wirth Santilli by Paul and Kerri Sugrue for \$298,000.
605 SUMMER AVENUE U:332 was sold to Anna Tibbetts by Mark Jenkins for \$199,900.
19 WARREN AVENUE was sold to Christopher and Jennifer Sullivan by Michael and Sara DiGiorgio for \$549,900.

-STONEHAM-

Median Price: \$375,000

1 FLORENCE CIRCLE was sold to Brian and Marie Johnston by Kevin and Brian Johnston for \$160,000.
150 MAIN STREET U:4 was sold to Gina Pagliarulo by Edward Wairi for \$140,000.
5 N BORDER ROAD was sold to Leigh-Ann Manning and Nathan Haugh by Mildred and Augustino Cacicio for \$279,900.

-TEWKSBURY-

Median Price: \$323,450

260 APACHE WAY U:260 was sold to Robert Magaldi by Primacy Closing Corp. for \$255,000.
260 APACHE WAY U:260 was sold to Primacy Closing Corp. and Robert Migaldi by Gail Gifford for \$255,000.
274 APACHE WAY U:274 was sold to David Bagdikian by Jay and Kalyani Agasthi for \$258,000.
2 BABICZ ROAD was sold to Eleanore and Leon Lincoln by Charles and Sharon Paquette for \$369,900.
90 BARBARA D LANE was sold to Barry and Joanne McKay by Carol Cahill and John Cahill Jr. for \$430,000.
277 BROWN STREET was sold to Roxane Spellman and Steven Desimone by Diane and Thomas Catyb for \$298,000.
309 BROWN STREET was sold to Linda and Ronald Gigliotti by Lawrence and Tammy Ministeri for \$230,000.
124 CATAMOUNT ROAD was sold to Donna and John Hurley by Richard and Suzanne Pellegrino for \$630,000.
70 CHESTNUT STREET was sold to Diane and Thomas Catyb by Marianne Bonyman for \$470,000.
6 DARLENE CIRCLE was sold to Charles and Sharon Paquette by Melissa Peters and Michael Hurley for \$299,900.
75 HILLMAN STREET was sold to James and Michelle Pondelli by Barbara Diciero and Nancy Thibault for \$155,000.
51 JOHN E SMITH DRIVE was sold to Kathleen Jackson and Paul Haley by Donna Armstrong for \$371,000.
150 MAPLE STREET was sold to Dorothy and James Lightfoot by Maple St. Rt. and Janet Cluff Tr. for \$312,000.

Brokers From S-8

her community. She is past president of Friends of Lake Quannapowitt, involved with Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly Boston, and a fundraiser for the Jimmy Fund.

Joe is active in a local church, plays Bell Choir. He also has been involved with numerous playground projects at Birch Meadow and school programs at Coolidge Middle School.

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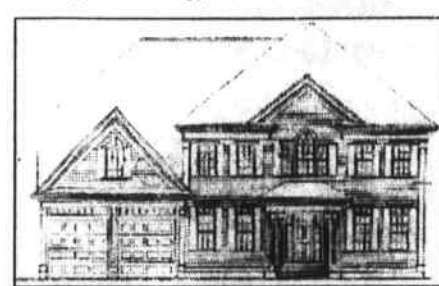
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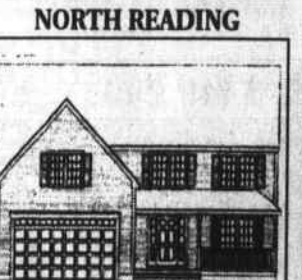
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At November's monthly Eastern Middlesex Association of Realtors dinner meeting, a representative from each pantry was invited to receive the cash donation. With these funds the pantries are able to provide families right in our own neighborhoods with gift certificates which allow them to purchase meat, produce, dairy and other perishable (and much needed) items.

The food pantries are staffed with caring volunteers who give their time and resources to benefit our communities. ECS Committee Chair Rick Nazzaro recently met with one of the local food pantry representatives and learned that their contributions provided 135 turkeys

to families in that particular town.

The Eastern Middlesex Association of Realtors encompasses the 12 towns chosen (Reading, North

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Bartolucci joins Andrew

Longtime Winchester resident and experienced realtor, Carol Bartolucci, has joined ERA Andrew Realty. Carol announced John Veneziano, president/owner of ERA Andrew Realty of Winchester, Medford, Stoneham, Everett and Woburn.

A multi-million dollar producer, Bartolucci is a realtor with over 20 years experience in the marketing and sale of residential and commercial real estate, as well as residential and commercial leasing. Bartolucci was previously affiliated with ERA The Norton Group of Somerville. As an ERA Andrew realtor, Bartolucci will work out of the company's Winchester office and continue to serve the Greater Boston and Boston North areas.

Bartolucci is a member of the Eastern Middlesex Assn. of Realtors, the Mass. Assn. of Realtors and the National Assn. of Realtors. A strong proponent of continuing education for realtors, Bartolucci

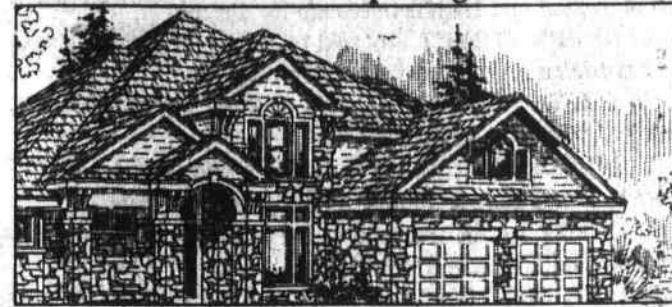
has completed numerous real estate training courses and seminars, including ERA's exclusive Acceleration training program. Bartolucci holds a real estate broker and a real estate appraiser trainee license.

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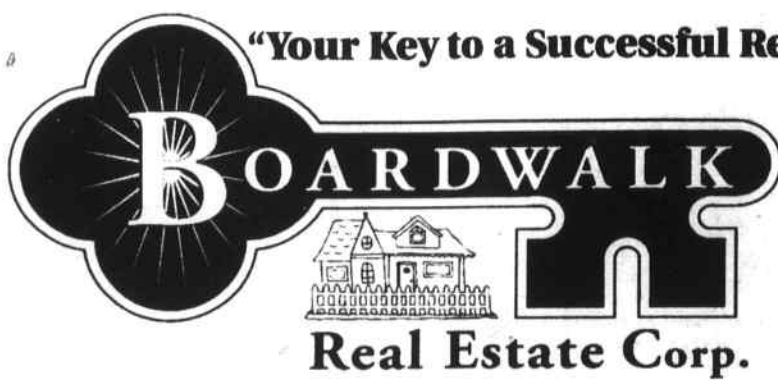
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234 ALBION STREET was sold to David Healey by Elmer Frautten for \$2,500.
89 GREEN STREET was sold to Anne Prince and Walter Prince Jr. by Bernice and Gardner Lord for \$299,300.
43 HILLCREST ROAD was sold to Frank and Mary Lee by Robert and Elaine Lake for \$535,000.
816 MAIN STREET was sold to Terrie and Richard Parrella by Saraceno Constr. T. and Alfred Saraceno for \$409,500.
5 MELVIN STREET was sold to Eric and Nicole Tourigny by Melvin St. LLC for \$450,000.
65 OLD NAHANT ROAD was sold to Anthony Cresta by Jan Cybulski for \$460,000.

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Median Price: \$345,000

47 ALDRICH ROAD was sold to Alessio and Catherine Fiore by Thomas Sweet for \$400,000.
41 ASHWOOD AVENUE was sold to Julie Hayes and Robert Biswanger by Brookfield Ets. LLC for \$544,900.
340 BALLARDVALE STREET was sold to C&S Logistics of Andover by Superval Hldgs. Inc. for \$4,500,000.
58 CLARK STREET was sold to Joseph Gibbons by Peter and Tammy Soper for \$410,000.
32 DUNTON STREET was sold to George Keith Dunnett by McMillan Ft. and Doria Gearty Tr. for \$290,000.
4 FOLEY FARM ROAD was sold to Colleen Boggs and Gregory Robinson by Barbara and Stephen Bosco for \$701,900.
4 GLEN ROAD was sold to Peter and Tammy Soper by Ruth Stedman for \$425,000.
119 GLEN ROAD was sold to Joseph and Martha Lento by Charles and Elaine Casella for \$387,500.
130 GLEN ROAD was sold to Shawna Burke by Robert Durost and Roberta Ferrari for \$350,000.
99 GROVE AVENUE was sold to Reginald Babineau by George Dunnett for \$265,000.

1 ISABELLA WAY was sold to Edith and Michael Germano by James and Shawna Burke for \$507,500.
2 JORDAN STREET was sold to John Carroll by James Cannata for \$150,000.
2 JUDITH ROAD was sold to Jacqueline and Joseph Rebeiro by Edith and Michael Germano for \$404,000.
1503 LORDS COURT was sold to Cynthia and Robert Field by Eleanor and Leon Lincoln for \$313,000.
17 MAIN STREET was sold to 340 Rt. and Michael Tkachuk Tr. by John and Margaret Anne Fisher for \$180,000.
MILL ROAD was sold to Deer Run Dev. Inc. by Phillips Common LLC for \$3,675,000.
24 NICKERSON AVENUE was sold to H.B. Dev. Corp. by Raymond Lepore for \$200,000.
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12 OAKWOOD ROAD was sold to Maryanne and Michael Headd by Hon Hai Thai and Thai Hai Vinh for \$236,000.
1302 POULIOT PLACE was sold to Cynthia Gatto by Christopher McGrail for \$199,375.
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22 BROOKS STREET was sold to Lauren Scott Losordo by Brooks St. Rt. and Robert Klein for \$1,835,000.
44 FOREST STREET was sold to Derek and Polly Sawyer by Kevin and Paula O'Donnell for \$490,000.
53 HENRY STREET was sold to Kar Yee Karie Ng by Meghan Kate Dowd for \$331,000.
955 MAIN STREET was sold to O'Brien Nt. and Donna O'Brien by Winchester Main T. and Richard David Norberg for \$776,250.
37-39 MIDDLESEX STREET was sold to Patricia Servaes by Mary Catherine Gatto and Nicholas Adams Gatto for \$532,500.
189 WASHINGTON STREET was sold to John and Julie Shea by Jason Cenicola and Kim Roop for \$607,000.

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Median Price: \$329,000

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15 BLUEBERRY HILL ROAD was sold to Lisa and John McCarthy by Chester White for \$425,000.
31 DRAGON COURT was sold to Bridgett Veno and Richard Veno Jr. by Amelia and William Downie for \$332,000.
4 EVANS STREET was sold to Lisa McGonagle by Maria and Michael Piepergerdes for \$294,500.
253 LEXINGTON STREET was sold to Adele and Arthur Levitan by Toni Godfrey and Toni Decolero for \$499,000.
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From S-14

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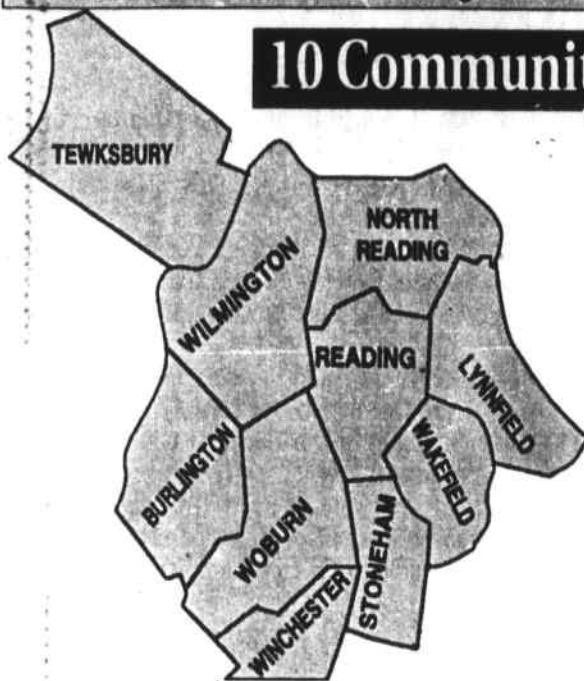
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"Facing these decisions can be difficult, and it's even harder for men who try to make them alone," said Joanne

Gersten, State Vice President for Cancer Control for the American Cancer Society. "The American Cancer Society encourages men to discuss their options with their doctors and families. In some cases, a physician may recommend a period of 'watchful waiting,' using regular checkups to safely monitor the status of the cancer. When treatment is recommended, a patient armed with factual information is much more comfortable with his decision."

The Society's messages on prostate cancer are:

- Get as much information about prostate health as you can.
- Talk with your doctor to

determine your personal risk for prostate cancer.

- Understand all available testing and treatment options so you can make an informed decision.

- Contact the American Cancer Society for information about all aspects of prostate cancer 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Many African American men don't realize they are at higher risk for prostate cancer and two times more likely to American men. And for all men, age and family history are risk factors. The American Cancer Society estimates more than 28,000 men in the United States will die from this disease this year, accounting for approximately 10 percent of all male cancer-related deaths.

That's why the American Cancer Society strongly urges universal access to and education about prostate screening options. The Society recommends both the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test and digital rectal exam (DRE) for men who decide to be tested. Once diagnosed, the prognosis for any prostate cancer patient depends on the extent of the cancer, the course of treatment selected and other individual aspects.

In August 2000, the American Cancer Society updated its prostate cancer early detection guidelines. Changes to the guidelines were recommended based on consensus reached by a panel of leading medical experts, scientists, advocates and interested members of the public who conducted a comprehensive review of current research. As more men were tested and the implications of testing and treatment became more widely studied, the need for men to understand the debate on prostate cancer

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In a wonderful musical FINNIAN'S RAINBOW, a beautiful song was sung. It started out with, "How are things in Gloccamorra? Is that little brook still flowing there? Does it run through Donegal, Kilkenny, and Kildare?"

Folks, many times a person returns to the place where he or she was raised and that person comes home disappointed. Some people had hoped to find what was left behind years ago

THEIR YOUTH!

Bob Thaves, author of FRANK AND ERNEST said it more eloquently. "There is no U-turn on the highway of life..."

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I remember when my brothers and sisters and I would sing a song for my mother on Mother's Day. "Pal of my cradle days. I've needed you always. Since I was a baby upon your knee, you sacrificed everything for me. I stole the gold from your hair. I put silver threads there. I don't know anyway. I could never repay, pal of my cradle days."

She had the beautiful voice of a Jeannette McDonald and the tender loving care of an Irene Dunne of, "I Remember Mama Fame." She shared her love equally with those of us who excelled scholastically or were gifted musically. She comforted me many times, knowing that I wasn't one of those. I thank God for the gift of writing poetry and Woodchips and I thank Claire, a beautiful Irish lady from Winchester who encouraged me to keep on writing...

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For high school seniors struggling to think of a topic for their college application essays and parents tired of pressuring them, life just got a little bit easier. Lynda Whitney, a writer and editor who's worked with education, high technology and healthcare companies for over 20 years, is now helping high school students produce essays that will capture an admissions officer's attention.

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